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CELEBRATION BY MASONS

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDER IN B. C.

Great Gathering of Members Here To-morrow—Dedicate New Hall.

Fifty years ago, when Victoria was but a small Hudson's Bay post, Freemasonry was first introduced into this section of the Pacific Northwest, and to-morrow, in celebration of that anniversary, Masons from many points in the province, from Washington and Oregon, and from Saskatchewan and Alberta, will assemble to do honor to that memorable occasion. The function will be of a dual nature, inasmuch as the handsome new home of the order in Victoria—the finest in the province—will be formally dedicated.

In December, 1859, a charter was issued to the first Masonic lodge to be established in British Columbia, a lodge being formed in Victoria. The hall in which this historic ceremony occurred occupied the site of the building now known as the Bank Exchange, on the corner of Yates and Langley streets; and from such modest beginning Freemasonry has grown and flourished in British Columbia until to-day there is no province in the Dominion where the order is more solidly entrenched, and in respect to Victoria there is no city in British Columbia which to-day possesses such a handsome and complete lodge building.

Preparations for the celebration of the anniversary to-morrow have been in progress for weeks past, and every detail looking to the success of the function has now been arranged by E. B. Paul, deputy grand master, chairman of the committee. Assisting him were J. S. Salloway, master of No. 1 lodge; J. S. Willis, senior warden of No. 2 lodge; W. J. Warden, master of Esquimalt lodge, No. 24; and T. A. Fox, master of lodge No. 49, Victoria. At 4 p.m. the ceremony of formerly dedicating the new hall will be performed. The old building, which was erected in 1870, has been improved by the addition of a large wing, and altered and renovated to an extent which transforms it into the finest Masonic premises in British Columbia.

The work of effecting the alterations and improvements was entrusted to Messrs. Dinsdale & Malcolm, the contractors, and they are receiving congratulations for having made an excellent job. The undertaking involved an expenditure of $17,000, and work was started in July last. The new wing, which is three stories in height, in conformity with the old building, has a frontage of 53 feet on Fisguard street, and is 50 feet in depth.

The contract, besides the erection of the new wing, called for the installation of a heating system and the remodelling of the old building. This latter work was very extensive in character, the original lodge room being entirely remodelled. The ante rooms were all abolished, and the entire area made available by this alteration was thrown into one apartment, which gives a strikingly handsome and spacious lodge room 63 feet by 45 feet in dimensions.

R. Dinsdale, of the contracting firm, this morning showed a Times representative over the premises. The main entrance has been changed from its former position, on the corner, to the centre of the block, facing on Fisguard street. This entrance is flanked by two massive Corinthian columns carved in solid granite, twenty feet in height, the columns being capped with rich carvings emblematic of Masonry, a design of lotus leaves being surmounted by a globe.

Entering the building, the visitor is struck with the excellence of the design of the interior arrangements, as every inch of space has been utilized to the best advantage. On the ground floor are two spacious stores, which are to be let as business premises. Special attention has been paid to the lighting of the premises, and they are wide and spacious to an extent which will make them very desirable.

The second floor is utilized to provide a smaller lodge room, an office for the grand secretary, ante rooms, preparatory rooms and lavatories.

The third floor contains the main lodge room, banquetting hall and kitchen. The dimensions of the lodge room have already been mentioned. It

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STEEL PASSENGER CARS FOR UNION PACIFIC

Road Has Decided to Do Away Entirely With Wooden Coaches.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.—Announcement is made to-day by the Union Pacific that all future orders for passenger equipment will be for steel cars. Recently these cars have been given a trial by the road, which has decided to do away entirely with wooden cars. Extensive orders for new steel cars already have been placed.

In adopting this policy officials of the road declare that it is merely in line with the general policy to do away with equipment which is susceptible to easy destruction in wrecks or fires. The new steel cars, it is claimed, will afford greater comfort to passengers.

THREATENS TO EXTEND STRIKE

SWITCHMEN'S PRESIDENT ISSUES ULTIMATUM

Will Call Out More Men if Railways Refuse to Grant Concessions.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.—President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union of North America, delivered an ultimatum to the railroads to-day, in the shape of a public announcement that unless the striking members of his organization were back at work before Christmas, under conditions satisfactory to them, every switchman west of Buffalo would strike before January 1st.

Hawley refused to make public what passed between him and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, at their recent conference. The results of their deliberations, he said, will be given out within three days. Before the proper time arrives, he declared, he would not discuss the matter.

Fail to Agree.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.—The situation resulting from the strike of the switchmen on all roads penetrating the Pacific Northwest is little changed to-day.

At a meeting last night the strikers failed to agree upon a tentative proposition advanced that provided for their return to their positions until an amicable settlement of the differences with their employers could be reached.

The attitude of other bodies of organized labor here, it was stated, has exerted a dissatisfying influence, and had much to do with their failure to accede to the wishes of their members who advocated a temporary return to work.

Telegraphers' Dispute.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, arrived here to-day and went into conference with the committees representing the Order of Railway Telegraphers and the Illinois Central railroad. He is acting as mediator. The railroad has agreed to improve working conditions, but has refused a demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages.

At the same time the switchmen's union began negotiations with the general managers' committee of the railroads entering Chicago. It is expected that the switchmen of these roads will strike unless their demands are granted quickly.

Filling Vacancies.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Northern Pacific railway is rapidly filling its yards with non-union men to take the places of the striking switchmen. The officials say they will be in a position to run all trains by the last of this week without inconvenience, even if a settlement of the strike is not effected. The officials also declare that the strikers never will be given back their old positions.

PIONEER DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—One of the pioneers of Western Ontario passed away at Thornedale, in the person of James Laird, brother of Rev. John G. Laird, of this city, at the age of 83 years. He is survived by one son, John W. Laird, of Thornedale, and one daughter.

ACCIDENTS MAR AUTOMOBILE RACE

Two Men Sustain Injuries When Records Are Broken at Los Angeles.

(Times Leased Wire.)

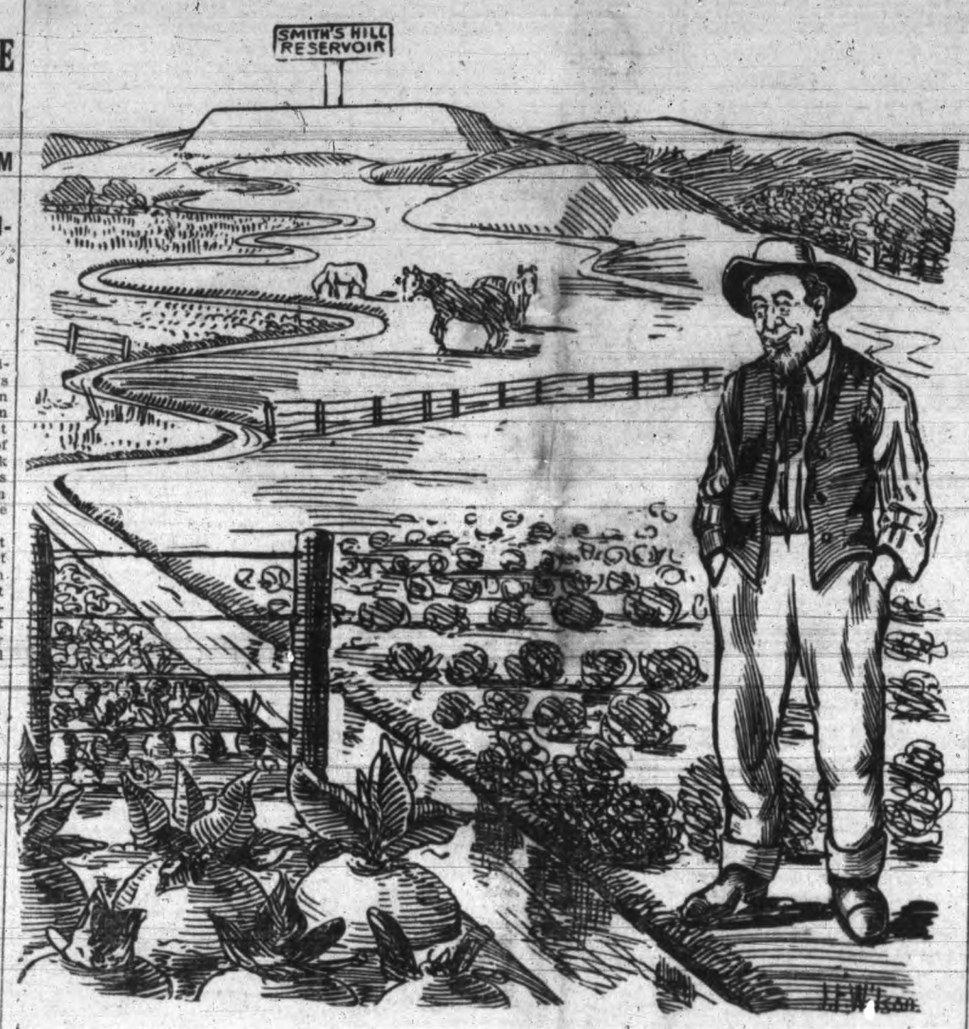
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—In the six-hour automobile race at Ascot park yesterday, which was marred by numerous accidents to cars and serious injuries to two participants, the Stearns, driven by Seoules, won, the distance made being 293 miles. This establishes a new coast record for six hours, the former record of 267 miles having been made at Ascot park last May. The Pullman, driven by George Kussman, was second with 251 miles, and the Buick, third, with 249 miles. The Buick led until the sixth hour, and then withdrew on account of a breakdown.

In the 52nd mile the Apperson Jack Rabbit, with Harris Hanshue at the wheel, turned over three times on a sharp turn, smashing the motor, but neither Hanshue nor his mechanic was injured. The Cadillac overturned at the same spot a few minutes later. The mechanic was slightly injured.

The Sunset was the next to go over, and in this spill the collar-bone of Driver Leonard McLarty was broken and Mechanic Bodin suffered a broken leg and probably internal injuries. He is in a critical condition.

AUSTRALIA'S WARSHIPS.

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—The federal cabinet has cabled the admiralty asking that it immediately commence the construction of the battleship cruiser which is to be the chief vessel of the Australian unit of the Pacific fleet. The government proposes to proceed with the construction of the remaining vessels of the unit so that all will be completed simultaneously.



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Saanich Farmer—"The reservoir a failure! Well, not as an irrigating scheme!"

HUNDREDS ARE HELD IN CHAINS

REIGN OF TERROR IN NICARAGUAN CAPITAL

Zelaya Ready to Block Entrance of U. S. Marines Into Corinto.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 13.—It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is maintained in Managua, and that not less than 500 persons identified with politics are in chains in the prisons.

A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending food to the prisoners, and these may starve to death, as they are allowed only two cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders.

Zelaya, to create an impression that the sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile towards America and Americans, and recently ordered Amelio Estrand, a prominent Liberal and brother of the revolutionist chief, to organize a demonstration against the [illegible] to do, and Zelaya held him on a fictitious charge.

Further authoritative dispatches state that 500 of Zelaya's forces have been entrenched to prevent American marines from passing over the bridge into Corinto.

Since last Thursday, when General Estrada became certain that General Vasquez, in command of a portion of Zelaya's troops was attempting to make a detour of Rama to seize an unguarded river point and descend upon Bluefields, forces of the provisional government have been acting with great energy. Rama has been occupied and other less important river landings have been strongly guarded. Preparations have been held in reserve to rush re-inforcements to any point that may be threatened.

Revolutionists Confident.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Senor Castrillo, representative of the Nicaraguan insurrectionists in this city, has received a cablegram from General Estrada, head of the revolutionary movement, which declares that the revolutionists are strongly entrenched at Rama and that the forces of President Zelaya are two days' march from the city.

The cablegram asserts that a revolutionary victory is certain but that following it, the revolutionists will take no definite steps until their programme is approved by the American state department.

This is presumed to refer especially to any decision that may be made in the case of President Zelaya should the insurgents win.

SLEET STORMS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Heavy sleet storms in the south and east have badly affected wires working with the east.

CRY OF "FIRE" CAUSES PANIC

THREE WOMEN CRUSHED TO DEATH IN THEATRE

Several Other Women and Number of Children Sustain Injuries.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—Three women were crushed to death and many other women and a number of children sustained injuries last night in a panic that occurred in the Majestic theatre following a cry of "Fire."

The dead: Mrs. William Richter, Miss Mary Corrigan and Miss Mary McCafferty.

The panic began when a woman fell downstairs from the balcony. Someone cried "Fire," and a wild rush immediately began for the exits.

Many persons were knocked down and trampled upon and others were crushed in the terrified crowd.

It required the efforts of several [illegible] stations to stop the struggling mob.

THREE ASPHYXIATED IN THEIR HOME

Thief Enters House and Rifles Pockets of One of the Victims.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 13.—John Richards, his wife and son are dead here to-day of asphyxiation. The three bodies were found by the two younger Richards, the fumes from a gas heating stove in their home having caused the deaths.

Indications are that some other person had entered the house, discovered the bodies and rifled the pockets of the older Richards.

INSPECTION OF GRAIN.

Calgary, Dec. 13.—Calgary has become such a grain centre that the Dominion government has decided to here establish a survey board for inspection of grain passing through here. The new board will probably consist of twelve members, six being appointed by the government and the balance by the members of the Calgary grain exchange. This new board will greatly facilitate the handling of grain here, especially that being shipped west. At present in case of dispute as to grade given by local government inspection, a sample of the grain must be forwarded to Winnipeg before a final decision as to the grade can be secured.

FOUR PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

DROWN BY CAPSIZING OF GASOLINE LAUNCH

Three Rescued After Clinging to Overturned Boat For Seven Hours.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Rainier, Ore., Dec. 13.—Four young persons were drowned and three others narrowly escaped death in the icy waters of the Columbia river on Sunday when a launch in which they were riding turned turtle at the Thurston's landing. The dead: Miss Selma Hendrickson, aged 17; Anna Hendrickson, aged 19; Grace Waud, aged 16, and Lee Barber, aged 20.

The rescued: Pearl Proctor, aged 20; Frank Kasper, aged 20, and Amos Card, aged 19.

Late on Saturday a party consisting of ten or twelve young people from Maygers, Ore., came here to spend the evening at the skating rink. When the rink closed at 10 p.m. seven of the party decided to return to Maygers in a gasoline launch. When they were opposite Burton's landing the launch turned turtle, precipitating the party of seven into the icy cold water.

For awhile all seven clung desperately to the overturned boat. The first to release his hold was Lee Barber. "I'm awfully sleepy," he said, "and I'm going to sleep." With that he slipped back into the chilly water and did not rise.

The next to give up was Miss Selma Hendrickson, who held on, perhaps, for two hours. Soon after her sister Anna gave up and disappeared into the water. She was soon followed to a watery grave by Grace Waud.

The survivors clung to the boat until 6 a.m., making just seven hours in all, when the tugboat Burton came along and rescued them. The trio are little worse to-day for their terrifying experience.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Man Drawn Into Cog Wheels of Machinery in Mill.

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 13.—Joseph Sietoff, an employee of the Globe mill here, was drawn to a horrible death when he was caught between the cog wheels of the mill machinery, his head being ground to a pulp before the machinery could be stopped.

When the accident occurred Sietoff was the only workman at the end of the shop, and his cries were not heard until too late.

FARMER KILLED.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 13.—Thomas White, a prominent farmer, living a mile and a half west of Sparta, was instantly killed while working in W. B. Cole's sawmill at Sparta by being caught in the fly wheel. The deceased was about seventy years of age.

TUG PICKS UP BARKENTINE

BENECIA WAS HELPLESS SOUTH OF FLATTERY

Vessel Lost Deck Load and Had Nine Feet of Water in Hold.

A wireless message to the Times reports that the tug Tyee picked up the barkentine Benecia at 10.30 this morning and is now towing the vessel to Port Townsend.

The Tyee reports sighting a mass of wreckage 42 miles southwest of Cape Flattery.

The wreckage includes a mast and rigging, the former being painted red.

Lost Deck Load.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 13.—The life-saving tug Snohomish and the tug Pioneer are to-day searching for the barquentine Benecia, which was reported by the schooner Ethel Zane, arriving at Clallam bay at noon yesterday, to be in distress 170 miles south of Cape Flattery.

According to the Ethel Zane, the deck load of the Benecia had gone and there was nine feet of water in her hold. Shipping men have little hope of the tugs finding the barquentine, because since she was reported severe storms have prevailed and she probably has been driven several hundred miles from her position at that time.

With sails gone and rigging demoralized, the advance guard of the incoming fleet of sailing vessels are beginning to arrive, after having been tempest tossed for the past ten days by the fierce gales that have prevailed off Cape Flattery and the Oregon coast. Masters of vessels reaching here to-day report the recent storms as the fiercest experienced about this coast in many years.

Schooner David Evans was towed here with 150 feet of her deck load gone and in a leaking condition. The Evans sailed from Grays Harbor. When she crossed the bar she encountered a severe storm, which carried away a portion of her sails, causing seams to open and it was found necessary to jettison a portion of the deck-load. In her crippled condition she headed for Cape Flattery, and succeeded in sailing up the straits as far as Dungeness, when she was picked up by a tug.

Schooners Rosamond and Ruth Godfrey report having had a fierce battle with the elements. Both vessels had a portion of their sails carried away and rigging more or less damaged. These vessels sailed in as far as Dungeness when they were becalmed and were drifting toward the beach, when the life-saving tug Snohomish came to their rescue and towed them to an anchorage.

Schooners Oceana Vance and Ruth E. Godfrey have also arrived here. Both vessels bear evidence of being roughly handled by the elements. Portions of the sails were carried away and the rigging damaged.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

(Special to the Times.)

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 13.—Roy Ballard, of Chandos, was instantly killed while out hunting. He fell and the rifle was discharged, sending the charge into his body.

INDUSTRIALISTS TO RESUME FIGHT

Supporters and Contributions Coming From the East to Spokane.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who in Spokane is referred to as the Joan of Arc of the free speech movement, is to-day one of the most popular women in the city. The young woman who recently was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to serve three months in the county jail, is out on a bond of $5,000 pending her appeal to a higher court.

Miss Flynn yesterday addressed a huge crowd in a local hall, when she spoke in defence of the Industrial Workers of the World movement.

Speaking of the movement she said: "The free speech fight will be taken up with vigor this week with an inflow of supporters from the East and contributions from the same sources."

All Industrial Workers have been released from Fort Wright, having served their terms. They are too weak from the lack of food, according to leaders of the free speech movement, to resume the fight at present.

One hundred and twenty Industrial Workers are still confined in the Franklin school.

Attorney Sent to Jail.

The first arrest to be made in over a week was brought about to-day when Bruce Rogers, one of the attorneys in the employ of the Industrial Workers, was arrested and sentenced to serve 10 days in jail for "unlawful communication with the prisoners." Rogers delivered a letter to one of the I. W. W. prisoners confined in the Franklin school.

NINE MEN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

WERE MEMBERS OF CREW OF LAKE ERIE FERRY

Yawl Containing Bodies Picked up by Fisheries Boat and Towed to Erie.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Erie, Pa., Dec. 13.—With her flag at half mast the state fisheries boat Commodore Perry, Capt. Gerry Driscoll, commanding, brought to this port last night the bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Conneaut, Ohio, on Tuesday morning carrying 32 men. The ferry has probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

For forty-eight hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring Lake Erie for traces of the car ferry, but until a tiny yawl was sighted, fifteen miles off this point, at 11 o'clock yesterday, the men in the little fisheries craft had almost given up hope of being able to learn even a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry.

As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water logged yawl, the men on the fish boat saw that they had arrived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 2," were frozen stiff. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam for this port.

News of the finding of the bodies had reached this city, and thousands of persons swarmed the wharves. As soon as the fish boat made fast a force of men with tackle set to work raising the bodies to the dock.

Conneaut, Ohio, where most of the men lived, was notified by telephone, and a hundred residents of that city arrived in two hours.

The cook of the car ferry was the only man to wear an overcoat. The other eight men were dressed in overalls and jumpers, indicating that the departure from the car ferry had been hurried. In the bow end of the boat was found complete clothing for one man, and it is believed that the yawl originally contained ten men, and that one became crazed, discarded his clothing and jumped into the lake.

Albert J. Weis, of this city, treasurer of the Keystone Fish Company, and the Bay State Iron Works, was a passenger on the ill-fated boat. His relatives and friends had not given up hope until the yawl containing the nine was towed into port. His body has not been found.

Officers of the car ferry company gave up all hope Saturday, and since Thursday every available tug has been searching the lake for some news of the wrecked craft.

Storm's Toll.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—With the practical certainty that the crews of the steamer Clarion and the Marquette and Bessemer car ferry No. 2 have gone to their doom, the toll of death taken by wind and wave since the official close of navigation on the Great Lakes falls but five short of the official season's total. Sixty-three men was the count up to last Saturday week. Last week's death list—52 on Lake Erie and six on Lake Superior—totals 58.

This total of 121 lives lost in 1909, is not far from four times the total of last year, when 33 men found watery graves as the result of storm and stress.

Speaking of the recent marine disasters, President Livingstone, of the Lake Carriers' Association, said that this had been one of the most disastrous years in the freight carrying trade on the Great Lakes. "I think it would be better," he said, "for all interests concerned, if the season of navigation were closed every year on December 1st. On an average of years the carriers would be men and money ahead."

Losses on Lake Erie.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—The terrible storm which passed over Lake Erie on Wednesday night and Thursday, reaped a harvest of human lives and more than $1,000,000 worth of shipping property. Late reports show that 59 lives were lost, that four boats were destroyed and that one is aground and badly damaged.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF LAND TAX IN JAPAN

Diet Will Also Deal With Tariff at Coming Session.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Dec. 13.—That the coming session of the Japanese diet will be one of the most important in the history of the nation is generally accepted among those conversant with the national policies and problems. That the session will be stormy and marked by much debate, is considered a certainty.

Among the matters that will come before the law makers for the Mikado's empire are the proposed reduction of the land tax and the enactment of a new labor law. The proposed readjustment of the tariff and of the commercial laws under which business is transacted here, also may be effected.

Reform also promises to play an unusual part in the deliberations of the diet. Among the institutions which may be affected are the present educational system and the accepted plan of railway extension and harbor improvements undoubtedly will be proposed.

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—City Engineer Topp is taking full advantage of the fine weather to push to a conclusion the job of paving the causeway. Two cement mixers are being utilized, and with the large gang of men employed the work should be finished in a few days. Other street improvement work in hand throughout the city has been delayed somewhat owing to the delay in getting crushed rock. The Victoria Contracting Company, which has the contract for the supply of the material, experienced some difficulty in the erection of its bunkers, but the first shipment from Albert Head will be delivered in a few days.

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—The regular weekly meeting of the club of the First Presbyterian church will be held in the school room of the church this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Campbell will give an address on "Local Option." All are cordially invited.

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MAN IS KILLED IN FIGHT WITH BULLDOG

Body Found in Pool of Blood With Throat Torn to Shreds.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 13.—The horrible story of a battle to the death between a man and a huge bull dog, in which the man was killed and left lying in a pool of his own blood, was told today at the coroner's inquest into the death of Carl Limpert.

The dog that figured in the unique tragedy was the property of Libert's sister, Mrs. Schuerman. It developed an intense hatred for Limpert, and on several occasions attacked him savagely. Despite Limpert's advice, the woman refused to part with her pet.

Early yesterday when Limpert entered his sister's flat he found the dog in sole possession. Ferociously the brute flung himself upon the man, and for nearly half an hour the cambatants rolled about on the floor in a deadly struggle, Limpert unable to gain the door.

Later in the day Limpert's body was found lying on the floor beside an overturned table. His throat was torn to shreds and his head and shoulders lay in a fast drying puddle of blood. The dog, his muzzle stained with a darkening red and his head and body bleeding from gashes received when he had been hurled against the furniture by his human antagonist, cowered in a corner.

CELEBRATION BY MASONS

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constitutes one of the handsomest apartments for such a purpose as can be conceived. With its rich carpeting, special manufactured for the order, handsome furniture and brilliant lighting effects, it presents an air of sumtuous splendor which is at once striking and impressive. The carpets, which were ordered through Messrs. Weiler Bros., who had the contract for the furniture and upholstery, were specially woven with Masonic designs.

In a gallery at the rear of the lodge room is a fine pipe organ, of Estey manufacture, of beautiful design and pronounced a very fine instrument. The railing of the gallery runs by a circular sweep from either wall, and the design is ornamental fret work.

Very great success attended the work of putting in the lighting system, the Hinton company having been awarded the contract. Several immense chandeliers are suspended from the ceiling, carrying a dozen frosted globes of large size. On the walls are ornamental brackets carrying a cluster of smaller globes, and high in the ceiling a row of lights encircles the entire hall. The effect when all the lights have been turned on is very pretty—the light, though soft and soothing to the eye, yet reveals in clear-cut distinctness every detail of the richly furnished apartment.

Special attention was paid to the heating system, which is known as the hot air and fan system. This contract was in the hands of the Pacific Sheet Metal Works. The plumbing was done by Messrs. Hayward & Dods, and the painting and decorating by the Melrose company.

On concludin the ceremony of dedicating the new hall, an adjournment will be taken until 8 o'colck in the evening, and on reassembling there will be addresses appropriate to the celebration of the anniversary by a large number of prominent members of the order. Dr. De Wolfe, of New Westminster, is expected to be present, and other speakers will likely be Dr. I. W. Powell, the first grand master of British Columbia, and the grand lodge officers throughout the province. On the conclusion of this most important feature of the day's proceedings a repast will be served in the banquetting hall.

It is proposed to repair the boots and clothes of needy children in the London county council's schools free of cost at the bootmaking and tailoring classes conducted at the schools, provided no additional expenditure is incurred.

COURT OF REVISION DEALS WITH LISTS

Corrections Made and Thirty Who Do Not Attend Are Struck Off.

The court of revision met this morning in the city hall and struck off the following names of persons who had been notified to attend the court to show reason why their names should not be struck off. They failed to attend:

Herbert Appleby, Atlantic hotel; John Bennett, 1286 Pembroke street; Peter Colpo, 1401 Douglas street; Alex. Alex. Cowan, Wilson hotel; A. E. Cowling, Grand Pacific hotel; J. S. Ferguson, 1530 Chambers street; W. J. Hatch, 900 Green street; Wm. A. Hellewell, 120 Ontario street; E. W. Jones, California hotel; Joseph Kenny, 551 Johnson street; Harry Karl, 1614 Douglas street; E. Lynch, 814 Mason street; Wm. Mather, 1269 Humboldt street; Frank Muhner, 529 Johnson street; Hy. Muldrew, B. & K. warehouse; John Munro, 708 Blanc street; Jas. McCartenay, 551 Johnson street; R. J. Convill, Colonial hotel; George Petheridge, Pandora hotel; Thos. Pilgrim, 1025 McClure street; Clement Phillips, Royal Arms hotel; John Rymer, 529 Johnson street; Matthew Steele, 398 Cook street; Jas. W. Saunders, 572 Yates street; Wm. Sutton, 633 Esquimalt road; John Sherman, Store street; Herbert Thompson, 879 Johnson street; John M. Thomas, 434 Helmcken street; Chris Thomson, Pandora hotel.

James D. Taylor wrote asking that his name be placed on the voters' list as he has purchased property on Gorge road. Two others made similar applications.

The city solicitor said further proof was required in addition to a letter from the applicant, and the court adjourned to allow the applicant time to submit the necessary proof.

A number of corrections and a few additions were made to the list.

The city solicitor said personal oath by the applicant or production of the deed would be satisfactory proof in the case of property owners not on the list.

To close the matter this morning, however, the names were added to the list, the court taking protection by making application to the magistrate to have the names struck off if the applicants are found to be not eligible.

DINE TO-NIGHT.

Sons of England to Hold Annual Banquet in Poodle Dog Cafe.

In the Poodle Dog Cafe to-night the Sons of England will hold their thirty-fifth annual banquet commencing at 8:30 o'clock. This affair is being held jointly by the two lodges, the Alexandra and Pride of the Island. George Jay will preside during the evening and many other leading citizens will be present.

On past occasions the members of this order have made a reputation for themselves as good hosts, and have always given those who attend an excellent time. It is expected that to-night they will acquit themselves in the same manner.

Tickets for the dinner have sold very rapidly and a large number will be at the cafe to-night to celebrate this notable event.

MINER'S PLUCKY ACT.

Rescues Comrade by Sliding Down Steam Pipe to Shaft Bottom.

A miner's gallant rescue of a comrade at the bottom of a pit shaft was described at an inquest, says a London dispatch.

A new pit is being opened at Newbiggin, and William Bolton, chargeman sinker, was being lowered down the shaft on the top of the "grab," to ascertain how the pump was dealing with the water at the bottom of the shaft. He was standing on the top of the "grab," holding the chain in both hands. When he had gone down a few yards the chain broke, and Bolton was thrown to the bottom of the shaft.

Arthur Peebles, a fellow-workman, heard a crash in the shaft and saw the "grab" chain flying out of the pit mouth. He solved the problem of how to get to the bottom of the shaft by sliding halfway down the steam pipe, and then descending by means of the shaft tubing. He found Bolton badly injured in five feet of water. Bolton was rescued alive but died later.

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A Turk, for instance, in distress or suffering from some disease however severe, knows of no better remedy than to fix a piece of his dress, town off with true Oriental equanimity, to an iron bar of some saint's tomb, or to drink water from a tumbler into which he has previously put a sheet of paper with writings from the Koran. Sometimes he will take a jar, the interior of which has been written all over with strange formulae and signs. He will then fill it with water, wait till these formulae and signs have been thoroughly dissolved, and drink the singular solution with an absolute faith in its wonderworking efficacy.

Sheltered by the sombre cypresses of the great Mohammedan cemetery at Scutari (the ancient Chrysopolis, on the Asiatic coast of the Bosphorus) there stands in picturesque solitude the tomb of a horse. Every Friday afternoon Turkish mothers carry to that tomb their crippled children to be submitted by a select "khodja" (priest) to an extraordinary course of treatment. These children are dragged, with their diseased limbs dangling over the hillock, from one end of the tomb to the other, and then back again in the same fashion. The occult influence emanating from this hillock is supposed to be an all-efficient panacea. It is not difficult to trace in this case the crude, imperfect association of ideas. The horse has long been considered an emblem of vigor, typifying, as Ruskin says, "the flow and force of life." Hence the belief of the Oriental, inherited, no doubt, from the Greeks, in the all-conquering virtue and influence of occult and mysterious effluvia which are supposed to emanate constantly from the horse's tomb.

The wearing of a necklace of blue beads or garlic as a potent means of keeping away disease or of warding off the evil eye is quite a universal matter of sincere belief in the whole of Turkey. This superstition is shared, as is well known, by the lower classes of many a country in civilized Western Europe. There, however, it is not so universal and flagrant as in the Orient. There is scarcely a house in the Moslem, Greek and Armenian districts of the population of Constantinople which has not hanging above its entrance door a collection of garlic, and scarcely a beast of toil which has not attached to some part of it a string of blue beads.

Among the uneducted it is impossible to find an individual who does not pin his absolute faith to the all-healing power of such charms, especially to blue beads, which are supposed to be an unfailing panacea against every possible ill.—New York Medical Journal.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 13.—The big plant of the Racine Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of automobile tops and piano stools, and the Daniel Brothers and Hood-Hall and Mitchell Bros.' works were destroyed by fire yesterday, causing a loss estimated at $650,000, of which all except $50,000 will be borne by the Racine Manufacturing Company. The latter concern carries $250,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

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FROZEN TO DEATH.

Body of Youth Found in Launch—Father Unconscious From Cold.

Palacios, Texas, Dec. 13.—Caught in a storm on Saturday night in a small gasoline launch in Tres Palacious bay, T. S. Clark was rendered unconscious by the cold, and his son, B. B. Clark, was frozen to death. When the storm came on they anchored until morning, when a rescue boat went out to them. The water in the bay is only a few feet deep and they could have waded ashore.

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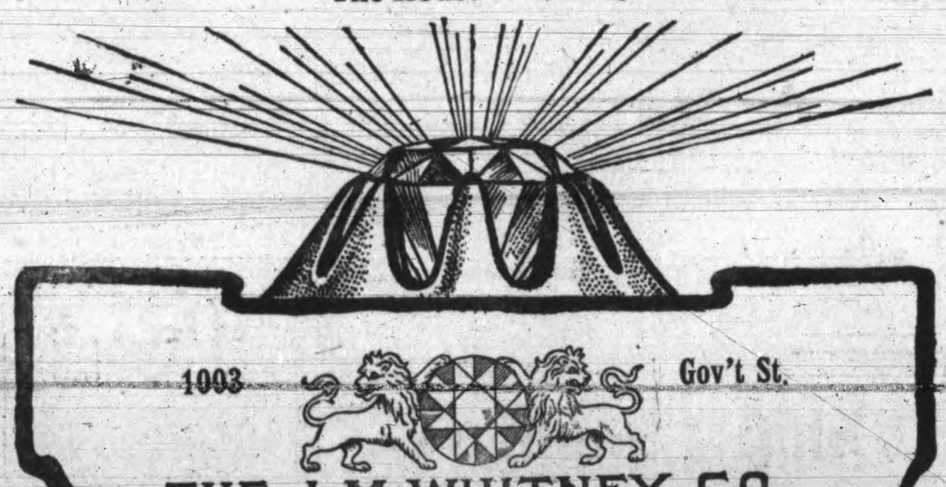

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LUMBERMEN ARE OPTIMISTIC

OUTLOOK FOR THE INDUSTRY BRIGHT

No Material Advance in Prices—Convention to Be Held Annually.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—The Western Canadian Lumbermen's Convention closed on Saturday and so successful was the gathering that it was practically decided to make the affair an annual one.

The discussion on market conditions continued Saturday morning and during the early part of the afternoon. The situation was agreed to be of the most optimistic nature, and all the delegates were unanimous in the opinion that the outlook for the industry next year was of the best. A number of amendments to the price lists, of a minor nature, were recommended, but on the whole these were practically left unchanged, and it was decided to recommend that no material advances be made. A resolution was adopted to have informal delegates attend the meetings of the two British Columbia conventions in order to discuss general trade conditions from time to time.

"Keeping after the officials from the top to the bottom," was the watchword which Mr. Tucker urged upon the convention during the car supply discussion. Messrs. Leitch and Lund took much the same view, the former suggesting that each man keep tab on what he was short. A. D. McRae suggested that the associations adopt some systematic arrangements for notifying the railway company when cars were needed. He thought it would be a good idea for each member to notify the secretary 30 days in advance what would be his needs in the matter of cars. Mr. Leitch proposed that officials be appointed as in the wheat and cattle sections, to watch the tariff. Along this line, Mr. McRae moved that a committee be appointed to draft such a suggestion and forward it to Vice-President Whyte, of the C.P.R., and also that the 30-day report on needed cars be made. Messrs. McRae and R. H. H. Alexander were appointed to assume the task.

A committee was appointed to look into the insurance situation, and recommended some course of action to the lumber associations.

Owing to the similarity between the standard of finished sizes in the Coast and Mountain Associations, there was little difficulty in arriving at a definite basis upon which to work on one common standard. The two associations will work out the difference during the winter so as to have a complete scale within a few months.

"Uniform terms of scale" was taken up with the result that it was decided to allow 2 per cent. off for cash in 15 days, and 1 per cent. off in 30 days with a net price for 60 days. The general feeling of the meeting was that no business should be done with those retailers who refused to accept drafts.

The code of trade ethics as drawn up by the American Lumber Trades Congress was adopted in the main, to be slightly amended by the secretaries of the associations.

TORONTO RIFLES TO VISIT ENGLAND

Arrangements Completed for Trip of Queen's Own to Aldershot.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is to be celebrated next year by the visit to England of 600 officers and men of the crack Canadian regiment as guests of the commanding officer, Sir Henry M. Pellatt. Sir Henry is bearing all the expenses of the trip of his officers and men.

All arrangements have been made by Sir Henry Pellatt through Earl Grey, the governor-general, and the officers of the militia department with the war office, in London, Eng., and now nothing remains but to arrange a few minor details. The number of officers and men will be limited to 600, although the total strength of the regiment is over 880. The brass and bugle bands will be taken along. If the present arrangements are carried out the regiment will leave Toronto on August 15th and proceed direct to Quebec, where ten days will be spent in preliminary training, after which the soldiers will proceed by an ocean liner to England, to remain until September 30th. The headquarters of the regiment in England will be the famous training grounds at Aldershot, and there a full course of instruction will be given to the Toronto soldiers.

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Dutch Collars, extra fine linen and real lace, $2.50 to $1.25
Wash Collars in lawn and linen, trimmed with lace bows and jabots, colored and white, $1.50 to ..... 25¢
Ascots, white and colored, embroidered, 75c to ..... 50¢
Silk and Net Collars, 50c to ..... 25¢
Lace Ties, cream and white, $1.25 to .. 50¢
Fancy Chiffon and Net Stocks, with good quality silk and lace trimmings, $2.50 to ..... 75¢
Spanish Lace Scarves, cream and black, all hand run, $15 to $4.75
Spangled Net Evening Scarfs, in colors, $8.25 to $6.50
Fancy Net and Chiffon Scarves, $4.75 to $1.75
Lace Boleros and Garnitures, $6.75 and $4.75

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Both very desirable articles and certainly appropriate as a small gift to some friend.

Bags—Children's small bags, fancy pictures and colors, 50c, 30c and .... 25¢
Ladies' Fancy Bags—Sequin trimming, in all light shades. Special $1.25
Fancy Opera Bags in gold and sequin and fancy silks, $7.50 to $2.25
Leather Bags, in all shades and sizes. All the new shapes are here. Wide range of prices, $15 to ..... 90¢
The new Whist Purse, very new, $4.75 to $3.75
Belts—Fancy Elastics in all colors, black, gold, silver and fancy colors, $1.50 to ..... 25¢
New Metal Belts, some with kid ends, $2.50 to $1.25
Suede Belts, new shades, with jet trimmings, 90c and ..... 75¢

APRONS

Ladies' Kitchen Aprons, in butcher linen, at 50c, 40c and ..... 25¢
Nurses' Aprons, of heavy white linen, 90c, 75c and ..... 30¢
Maids' Aprons, in white lawn, trimmed with embroidery, 90c, 75c, 50c and 35¢
Afternoon Tea Aprons, of white lawn, trimmed with embroidery and lace, at 65c, 50c and ..... 35¢
Children's white muslin pianofores, at 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and ..... 25¢

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Plain hemstitched lawn, each, ... 5¢
Plain hemstitched, colored edge, each 5¢
Plain white lawn, each ..... 10¢
Colored fancy handkerchiefs, each 10¢
Colored fancy handkerchiefs, each 12½¢
Fine lace edge lawn, each, 25c, 20c, 15c, and ..... 12½¢
Embroidered handkerchiefs, hemstitched, lawn and linen, each, $1.25 down to 25c, 20c, 15c and ..... 12½¢
Initialed handkerchiefs, colored edge, each ..... 10¢
Initialed handkerchiefs, plain, white linen, each ..... 25¢
Colored embroidered, corner in holly, mistletoe and heather, each ..... 35¢
Hemstitched, fancy colored handkerchiefs 50c, 35c and ..... 25¢
Genuine lace edge handkerchiefs, all linen, $1.50, 90c and ..... 75¢
Genuine lace edge handkerchiefs, wide lace edge, $15 to $1.50

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With chain handles, at $4.75, $4.50 and $4.00
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Fancy Flannelette Robes in cardinal, pink, sky mauve and navy, fancy art designs, at $3.25, $2.75, $2.25 and $1.75
French Flannel Robes in cardinal, sky, mauve, purple and navy, at $7.50, $6.50, $4.75 and $4.50
Eiderdown Robes, in cardinal, old rose, purple, sky, pink, navy and mauve, at $15, $12.75, $9.75, $9, $8.50, $7.50, $6.75 and $5.75
Eiderdown Robes, in fancy stripes, red, grey, pink, sky and navy, at $8.50 and $6.50
Silk Kimonas, floral designs, $10.75 and $9.75
Flannelette Dressing Sacques, in fancy patterns, at $1.50 and $1.25
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, in plain colors, cardinal, grey, sky and pink, 36 to 42 bust, $2.75 and $2.25
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques in fancy stripes, in pink, cardinal, reseda, mauve and rose, at $3.75, $3.25, $2.75, $2.50 and $1.75
French Flannel Dressing Sacques, in cream, cardinal, mauve, pink and sky, at $3.75 and $2.50
Cashmere Dressing Sacques, in sky, pink, cream, trimmed with lace, at .. $3.50

FANS

Fancy colored paper fans, 50c, 35c and ..... 25¢
Fans, with ivory sticks and trimmed with sequin and lace, in black, white and other light shades, $9 to $1.00

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"THE TORPEDO WITH A BRAIN"

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London, Dec. 13.—A wonderful torpedo, which picks up sound and tracks it down, is reported to be in the hands of the British admiralty, by whom it will be subjected very soon to exhaustive trials.

The "torpedo with a brain," as the new weapon has been dubbed, is fitted with a delicate mechanism, which is controlled by a microphone attached to the torpedo's rudder. When the microphone picks up a sound it deflects the rudder in such a way as to guide the torpedo straight to the scene of the sound waves.

Properly aimed, the inventors claim, the torpedo will pick up unfailingly the noise made by the propellers of an enemy's vessel. Further than this, it is claimed that the mechanism can be so adjusted that the torpedo will strike not at the immediate origin of the sound, but thirty or forty yards to the right or left of the propellers at the will of the manipulator.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Rev. E. W. Halpenny, B.D., of Indiana, has accepted the appointment as general secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association.

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FALL FAIR NEXT.

The affairs of the Victoria Exhibition are not directly under the control of the Victoria City Council. Therefore the council cannot be held responsible for the manner in which the exhibition is conducted. But the people of Victoria must shoulder the liabilities incurred, practically, by the exhibition authorities, and the state of matters disclosed by the audit now in progress proves that drastic steps must be taken to restore something approaching an equilibrium between revenue and expenditure in connection with that important and necessary institution. When the auditor submits his report after completing his examination of the exhibition accounts it will be possible to consider intelligently the situation that has developed and to suggest the direction in which reforms can be effectively instituted. Obviously, matters cannot be permitted to drift as they have been drifting for the past couple of years. There is no reason in the world why under competent management the fair should not be self-supporting. The interests from which it ought to draw sustenance are growing in strength and increasing in importance. Yet instead of marching forward the exhibition has been drifting backward. We have been passing through an era of extravagance, or carelessness, in almost every department of civic administration. The time for a change has arrived. The necessity for strong, determined and capable heads is evident in whatever direction the people turn.

CANADIANS HAVE NO REASON TO BE ENVIOUS.

Every male child born in the United States is said to be a potential president of the greatest nation the world has ever seen. But the chances are one in forty-five million, or thereabouts—hardly sufficient to cause regret in the mind of any Canadian, even if he were disposed to be dissatisfied with the country in which Providence has been pleased to place him—that he has not been born an American. The presidency of the United States is a most honorable and highly responsible position. It may also, in the right hands, open the door to splendid opportunities for sport. Consider the time Colonel Roosevelt is having in Africa, with officials of high and low degree doing all in their power to drive the animals of the jungle and of the veldt right under the muzzles of his artillery. There was President Grover Cleveland also, who was a master hand with the fishing rod and no mean handler of the shotgun. Grover had opportunities placed in his way for indulgence in his favorite forms of recreation which would never have been his had he not been selected by fortune and his fellow-men as an occupant of the great White House.

Canadians have observed these things, and yet they are not envious. They do not desire to qualify for the presidency, magnificent though the prize may be, by the annexation of their country to the United States and the creation of a very much greater republic than ever has been. They are satisfied with the honorable posts and the important positions which may be theirs if the gods are kind. An article published in a late issue of the Montreal Star deals in an interesting manner with this subject and incidentally indicates why Canadians are likely always to be content with being Canadians. Our contemporary says:

"When the Dominion was organized some ten or so men and boys destined to be Premiers were at large in the country. Seven of these have already arrived. As many future Prime Ministers have been born since, and these are moving about among us, some of them unconscious of their destiny. A larger number hope to be leaders, but will never reach that goal. Some will lack opportunity. The noble rage of others will be repressed by chill penury or more chilly wealth. The grass will grow over young men who promised and deserved well, but fell before they attained, leaving their chance to less eligible men. These things have happened in the past and will occur in the future, and at all times any Canadian should aspire to any position in Canadian public life, and without offence to present occupants."

HOT SHOT FOR ONTARIO.

Miss Ontario, one of the members of the great Canadian Imperial family who ought to have reached years of discretion, has surely been libelled by those of her own household. This prude amongst the sisters of the Dominion has inveriably been depicted as disdainfully gathering up her virtuous robes and tilting her haughty nose high in the air when the name of one of her western sisters was mentioned in company. Yet read what some representatives in the Dominion Parliament have been saying about her, the occasion being the debate on a bill for the suppression of race track gambling. Mr. E. B. Osler, a Conservative who does not believe that the vice of gambling, or vice in any other form, can be repressed or suppressed, but must be reasoned and argued out of the Numan system, says in every-day life throughout Ontario there is more money lost or won by women and men at bridge every day (including Sunday) than is won or lost at the Woodbine race track in a week.

But Mr. Osler was mild in his expressions compared with Colonel Sam Hughes, who in his preliminary remarks described himself as an old sport and therefore qualified to speak with authority. The Colonel said: "From my early boyhood, I have been engaged in athletic sports of every description. And I never, directly or indirectly, wagered a farthing on any game in my life. I am not claiming any special virtue for that. All I say is that I was not prevented from doing it by any act of parliament. Fortunately, I had the training in my home and in my school life that taught me that it was not very creditable for a fellow to try to get something for nothing."

But listen to the Colonel's further remarks. (We blush for Toronto and Ontario as we print them): "An incident took place a few years ago in Toronto. The exhibition people there, with the desire of affording those who were inclined to be pleased with the classic in sculpture, organized what they termed 'living pictures.' They picked up a lot of old girls from all over the United States, decked them out in tights and showed them as 'living pictures' at the exhibition. There was a great outcry and the Ministerial Association of Toronto took the matter up. And, in order to decide whether this thing was moral or immoral, those who were appointed as a committee went out there day after day. Finally, on the last day of the fair, they reported—well, I really forget how the report ran, but at all events, they had enjoyed the exhibition immensely. I do not believe in gambling, but I have read this bill from start to finish and I do not see that gambling is even attempted to be suppressed by the measure. Book-making is condemned, but gambling is not condemned, and gambling after all is the evil. You start a person gambling for matches in one of these pious games of bridge that are played in home parlors or in church parlors, and it is just as seductive to the youth of our country as to allow a boy to go on the race-track and bet his money on the horses."

After delivering this fusilade, the Colonel concluded by advancing with a flag of truce to the clergy, saying, "I would therefore make a suggestion to these gentlemen throughout the country—and they are a fine lot of fellows, a great many of them a splendid lot—they they are a little too prone, as I have told them on more than one occasion, to take a crack at the politicians—that is that they should direct their zeal along other lines than the present line. It is so convenient to press and to grind people down, to crush somebody, and I would suggest that another plan be taken, that they try to reach these people who are going wrong, to extend to them the right hand of fellowship, and show them a better way of earning money than to indulge in gambling, in the effort to get something for nothing. Let the clergymen develop that feeling in the individual, and in their congregations, and throughout the nation, and there will be no longer any need of laws against race-track gambling or any other laws of that nature."

Chambers's Journal, like the face of an old friend, is doubly welcome at the Christmas season. The external appearance of the Journal has not undergone a great change since the days of long ago, when in many cases it supplied the reading matter, light, scientific and philosophical, for the entire household. Chambers is still an important educational institution as well as a source of great pleasure wherever the English language is spoken or read. It is the most comprehensive in its contents of any of the publications received at this office. The Christmas number is well up to the standard set by the publishers in previous years.

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The Toronto Star was not very far astray when it thus depicted the situation in British Columbia as it appeared to an outsider: The Liberal Opposition in British Columbia had about as much chance in the recent elections as would the abnormal boy who should argue against going fishing and in favor of working in the garden to raise vegetables to eat at some future time of hunger. British Columbia pants with eagerness to see her resources developed and her great areas opened up by railway lines. The voter out there not only wants railways that he cannot get, but he will take any that he can get. He does not want to hear much about the terms — what he wants to hear is the whistle of the locomotive echoing among his hill of dreams. What does cost matter to the man who expects that, once he hears the magic breathings of the iron horse in his golden valley, he will soon be as rich as Midas? In a country like that, where a railway turns the desolation of five thousand years into the bustle and life of To-day, arguments in favor of closer bargaining with the magicians who will produce the transformation are not listened to. The arguments may be sound, and time may prove them so, but they go unheeded. As between Noah and Dan Mann the verdict was sure to be in favor of Daniel at any price. "A vote for the Liberal candidate," cried the McBride newspapers everywhere, "means a vote for a C. P. R. monopoly in the south, and a G. T. P. monopoly in the north. Let us have competition in railways." What the province wants is railways, railways and more railways.

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A superficial examination of the ballots cast in Fernie Riding discloses the fact that fourteen men voted twice and one man three times. That is nothing to what was done of a corrupt and criminal nature in Victoria. Similar practices were undoubtedly indulged in throughout the entire province, proving the "efficiency" of the Tory "organization." The wonder is that even two Liberal members were left. The great Conservative victory will prove a dear one for the province. Men who would descend to such practices will not hesitate to commit worse offences against the interests of the people now that they have secured practically unlimited powers in the Legislature. Yet in their exuberance Conservatives talk of Premier McBride ousting Mr. R. L. Borden from the Federal Conservative leadership. It would be an unfortunate day for Canada should the methods so unblushingly practiced in British Columbia be introduced at Ottawa under the aegis of Mr. McBride, because it is possible that the time may come when the Opposition will be called to the right of Mr. Speaker. Fortunate it is, however, that such a day is far distant.

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We are compelled to temporarily ask the indulgence of our contributors. The crowded condition of our columns has rendered necessary the holding over for a subsequent issue of a number of very interesting communications.

SIR THOMAS' PROPHECY.

(Montreal Herald.)

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy concluded his speech before the Canadian Manufacturers' Association by drawing a picture of the great Canada of the future, "Canada a great national, a powerful influence in the councils of the British people, unfailing in her devotion to and fealty to the Motherland, with an attachment that grows with her growth and is strengthened with her growing strength—a nation self-reliant and self-contained, honored and respected by all her fellow-dominions in the Empire, and a most potent factor in Imperial affairs."

A PICTURE.

(Toronto News.)

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Banging tables in such a way,
Kissing babies and shaking hands,
Paying canvassers, cabs and bands—
That's a picture, serene, sublime—
Joseph Martin—Election Time.

AN EASTERN VIEW.

(Hamilton Times.)

There were some who built much upon McBride's railway policy, which was antagonized by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, inuring to his disadvantage in the struggle. The Times had little hope of it having such an influence. McBride had no doubt whatever. He knew how little the people consider huge obligations placed upon the province, and how large a scheme of railway development looms in the popular mind. Moreover, McBride had behind him all the power of a most unscrupulous machine, and its methods were used without let or hindrance. This great railway deal itself doubtless yielded sinews of war, and it is said that money flowed like water, and that in the cities "pluggers" operated on an extensive scale.

McBride's victory is expected to decide whether he will remain in British Columbia to supplant Mr. R. L. Borden in the Dominion leadership. There is a considerable element in the Tory party which has no love for Borden, and if the new "Nest of Traitors" saw a prospect of getting a leader they would not hesitate to apply the stickersnee to Mr. Borden's political neck. Perhaps, however, Mr. McBride will prefer the fatness of provincial office to exchanging it and its pickings for the thankless task of leading a disunited band of reactionaries through the wilderness of opposition.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF HUNTER IN WOODS

Found Dead With Rifle—Hand and Head Shattered With Shot.

Portage La Prairie, Man., Dec. 13.—Considerable mystery surrounds the death of Angus McDonald, who was found shot in the woods north of Teulon, Wednesday. The body was brought here on Saturday by J. Tooth and Mr. McKinnon, the latter being deceased's uncle.

On Wednesday Tooth and McDonald started out, the former going north and the latter west. Toots returned home that night, but McDonald failed to show up and a search party was organized. McDonald was found clutching his rifle in his right hand, a shot having gone in at the left ear and the whole head shattered. Tooth's theory is McDonald shot himself while insane, but this physicians say was impossible. Dr. Keele is holding an inquest this evening.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Walter Chambers, 204 Skinner street, will not receive this week.

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W. H. Brethour, Saanich, has passed the examination held last week for provincial assayers.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Benson and family, of Vermilion, Alta., are visiting Victoria and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Banfield, Oak Bay avenue.

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Hon. T. W. Paterson and Mrs. Paterson expect to move into Government House shortly after Christmas. His Honor will be in residence in time for the New Year's Day reception.

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E. D. Mauchee, recently of Saskatoon, spent yesterday and to-day in the city and leaves to-night for the East. Mr. Mauchee was for many years advertising manager of the Salada Tea Co., of Toronto, and recently has been in charge of advertising in Saskatoon. He now goes to Toronto to establish the Ontario agency of Desbarats & Co.

Frank Robins will be a candidate for the position of councillor for Ward I., South Saanich, at the approaching elections in that municipality, Robert Scott having retired.

U. S. CHAMPIONS.

(Kingston Whig.)

The suggestion that Canada should be careful about the French treaty lest Uncle Sam become offended is unworthy of a great party, and it may have occasion later to repent of its blunder. As the champions of or sympathizers with the American government on the tariff question, Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster are not making friends in Canada.

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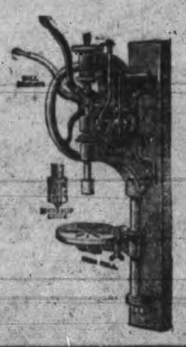

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—The many friends of E. D. Allen, the victim of the shooting accident at the Summit, on the E. & N. railway, a few weeks ago will be glad to learn that he will not completely lose his sight, as was feared. Dr. Proudfoot, the eye specialist, who has been attending him, reports that Mr. Allen, who has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital, will likely have the sight of one eye.

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—The Victoria branch of the British Israel Association will meet in the No. 1 hall (first floor) of the A.O.U.W. building, Yates street, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The subject, concluding the address of last week, will be "The Resurrection of Israel: What it means to the European Nations." The public are cordially invited. Questions relating to the matter under consideration will be answered at the close of the address.

—To-night's concert. All is in readiness for the first concert of the season to be given by the St. Andrew's Young People's Society in the school room tonight. A first class programme of some of the best local talent has been arranged, and a good time is promised all those that attend. A slight error was made in the programme published in Saturday's paper, Miss Robbins will render a vocal solo, and not a piano solo as stated. The chair will be taken at 8.15 by C. C. Michiner.

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A considerable quantity of important business has accumulated and is on the order paper for transaction at this evening's meeting of the city council. Public interest centres chiefly on affairs in connection with the Smith's Hill reservoir, and it is believed that some definite step will be taken tonight in regard to the unravelling of the tangled skein which has resulted from the construction of that important piece of civic work. The letter of Arthur L. Adams, the California water expert, laid on the table at Friday evening's meeting, will come up for consideration, and in the same connection it is expected that Mayor Hall will make a full statement respecting the reservoir.

Another matter likely to engage attention this evening is the question of the regrade of the sand and gravel pit's area at Spring Ridge. A modified scheme for doing the work has been in course of preparation by the city engineer's staff and a report may be presented this evening. The property owners in that section of the city are very anxious to have some move made towards a final settlement of a long-standing grievance.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company, preparatory to undertaking the work of double-tracking their lines on Douglas street, will notify the board of their intention to commence the job on January 7th. The section to be dealt with runs from Pembroke street to Hillside avenue.

The city barrister is expected to present a report in regard to the city offering a site for a theatre on the land owned by the corporation at the rear of the Empress hotel. In the event of this report being to hand the attitude of the council towards this enterprise will be made known. A conference between the theatre committee of the board of trade and the special committee of the council was held on Friday afternoon, but no action was taken in furtherance of the enterprise, it being felt that they had better wait until the report of the city barrister had been received.

The inquiry held some weeks ago into the affairs of the Isolation hospital has not, it appears, had the effect of removing all the causes of friction which has exercised the management, and it is reported that the inquiry will be reopened at an early date. It is alleged that there is a difference of opinion between the health officer, Dr. Robertson, and the matron, Mrs. King, respecting the system of engaging the nurses.

PRESIDENT LYNCH MEETS LOCAL TYPOS

Head of International Union Addressed Them—The Eight Hour Day.

The printers of Victoria enjoyed a visit from the able and genial president of the International Typographical Union, J. M. Lynch, yesterday. In a sense it was a surprise visit, as Mr. Lynch had been expected on Saturday, but was unable to come, and his visit yesterday was not known of till a couple of hours before he arrived. Mr. Lynch is a cultured and a clever speaker, and is always well worth listening to.

Labor hall was filled last evening with a gathering of members of the local union and representatives of the allied trades. John L. Neate occupied the chair.

President Lynch was given a very hearty welcome, and he referred to the pleasure he felt at visiting Victoria and renewing friendship with the printers of this city. The eight-hour day movement was dealt with at some length by the president, who thought the craft could congratulate themselves on the marked success which had met it. In practically every printing office over the entire continent the eight-hour day was now in force. Mr. Lynch had words of praise for the good feeling existing between the local officers and the men. He spoke in terms of high appreciation of his predecessor in office, Mr. Prescott, of Toronto, now secretary of the international correspondence school of the I. T. U.

The officers of the local union entertained Mr. Lynch after the meeting, and he left on the night boat.

Y.W.C.A. WORK.

Satisfactory Reports Presented at Regular Meeting of Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association was held on Friday last, the president, Miss Fawcett, in the chair, and seven other members present.

After prayer the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed receipts for the month of $189.35 and expenditure $213.90. The matron reported 820 meals served; 261 beds supplied; 18 names on the register; 8 regular and 5 transient boarders; 5 sought work. She asked for holly for Christmas decorations. All of those present promised to send something in the way of Christmas cheer to brighten the day for those spending it in the home.

Miss Schofield reported that the hens had laid so well that she had been able to sell over six dollars worth during November.

The Travellers' Aid secretary reported having met the boats twice daily. She had been of assistance in several cases, directing young women to boarding houses and even looking after babies while the mothers looked after their luggage, etc.

The membership committee was asked to get a list of those in arrears. Mrs. Turner was added to the committee. Mrs. Adams brought in the names of ten new sustaining members.

Bills to the amount of $75.80 were ordered paid.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

Baraca Class to Hold This Event on Wednesday Evening in Victoria Hall.

The third annual banquet of the Baraca class will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in Victoria hall, Blanchard street. The young men of the class have appointed an active committee to make all preparation for this big affair.

An excellent programme of musical selections has been prepared and a good toast list has been outlined. The menu has not been forgotten and those in charge guarantee an excellent dinner to all those who attend.

It is expected that a large number will take the opportunity of being present and hearing a brief outline of what the class has done during the past year. The class is reported to have made a remarkable growth during the past year and that they have met with great success in their work.

—The Daughters of Scotland are making arrangements for a grand hogmanay ball to be held in the A.O. U.W. hall on December 31st. No expense is being spared to make the event the success of the season. The tickets will be on sale in a few days.

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LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Sentence of Former Secretary of Western Federation of Miners Who Shot Two Men.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Albert Ryan, formerly secretary for the Western Federation of Miners, was sentenced Saturday to life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary for the murder of Otto Miller, a porter, and H. W. Snyder, a San Diego mining man, both of whom he shot and killed in the United States hotel here in July.

When the murderer faced Superior Judge Davis for sentence, his assumed air of bravado vanished and he cowered in his seat, shaking in every limb.

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HOCKEY TEAM GETS DEFEATED IN MUD

North Vancouver Wins League Match, Four Goals Against Two.

In the pouring rain and on a muddy field at North Vancouver on Saturday afternoon, the North Vancouver hockey team defeated the Victoria stickhandlers by a score of 4-2. The game, from an onlooker's standpoint, was very unsatisfactory on account of the very poor condition of the grounds, and could not be taken as a criterion of what the respective teams can really do. The home team secured their lead of two goals while Victoria was without the services of two of their strongest men, including Lawson, their crack forward; after their arrival, however, things were about even for the rest of the game. The game started sharp at 3 o'clock, the first goal being scored by Swain for North Vancouver. This was followed by another tally by Armitage for the same team, giving them a lead of two. The only other score this half was made by Craddock, for Victoria, after a brilliant rush.

The second half was very stubbornly contested, North Vancouver scoring twice and Victoria once. Swain and Dixon succeeded in making two goals for North Vancouver, and Lawson one for Victoria.

For North Vancouver, Swain was the star, playing a clean and aggressive game throughout, while Ted Bayliss and Dixon played a good game; McPherson, on the forward line, also showed up to great advantage. For Victoria Craddock was a great forward, and Lawson was very strong. Montgomery, at half, however, was the best player on the field.

The Teams.

Victoria.	Vancouver.
Goal.	
McArthur	Butler
Backs.	
Scott	Nappon
Nason	Dixon
Halves.	
Shaw	Hunt
Winsby	T. Bayliss
Montgomery	Langford
Forwards.	
Craddock	McPherson
Lawson	Ward
Roome	Armitage
Rogers	Bayliss
Sears	Swain

BASEBALL.

LEAGUE MEETINGS.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 13.—The first of a series of baseball meetings began in this city to-day, when the national commission took up the case of Pitcher Torrey, now on the Cincinnati reserve list, but claimed by the Springfield club of the Three I. league.

To-morrow the National League will have its annual meeting and on Wednesday the American League will open its sessions.

Joe Cantillon, former manager of the Washington Americans, said to-day that he would make a fight for vindication at the American League meeting. Cantillon declared that he was not a traitor to the league, as charged, and that he would make a fight for his rights. He added that he would insist upon investigation of charges of signal tipping against the New York Americans by the Washington team last summer. He announced that he would manage the Minneapolis American Association team, of which he is part owner.

AMERICAN LEAGUE AVERAGES.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 13.—George Mullin, of the Detroit champions, was the leading pitcher in the American league last season, according to the official pitching and fielding averages issued by President B. B. Johnson here to-day. Mullin's record was 29 games won and eight lost for a percentage of .784. He was sixty-two points ahead of Cicotte, of Boston, who had a record of 13 games won and five lost for .722. Another Detroit pitcher, Willett, finished third, with 22 won and nine lost for .710.

Krause, the early season sensation of Philadelphia, was tied for fourth with his team mate, Bender, at .692, with 18 won and eight lost.

Chicago, which finished fourth in the pennant race, led the team fielding, with a percentage of .964. Philadelphia finished second, with the Detroit champions third. New York made the greatest number of errors, having 331 charged against them.

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REFEREE STOPS SOCCER MATCH

GROUND UNFIT TO CONTINUE PLAYING

Championship is Undecided—Other Games Were Postponed.

Referee Mesher officiating in the Victoria West-A. O. F. soccer game at Royal park Saturday afternoon, established a precedent for Victoria soccer, when with the game played all but twenty minutes and the Victoria West team 4 goals to 1, he called the teams off the field and ordered the remaining portion of the match to be played at a future date when the ground is in better condition.

The referee was criticised after the match for once having allowed the game to start he did not have it played to the finish. He, however, was within his rights as provided in the rules, and had the power to stop the match if he thought necessary. The rule bearing on the situation is as follows:

"The referee has authority to suspend the game whenever he sees fit and to terminate the game whenever by reason of darkness, interference of spectators or other cause, he may deem necessary, but in all cases where there is such a termination he shall report to the association."

The match at Royal park was the only one played Saturday afternoon, the Bays and the Garrison postponing their game, and all the second division matches being called off. The Royal Athletic park was in a state of swamp, and it was not long before the space around the goal mouths became so slippery that the goal tenders had great difficulty in standing at all. From scrums in the A. O. F. goal the Victoria West players four times rushed the ball through. Two of these were secured owing to the nature of the ground preventing a foothold to the goal keeper. A. O. F. secured one goal, but after the second half commenced when the ball became so sodden with mud and water that it was difficult to move it more than a few yards, the referee called the game.

The match if played out would have practically given Victoria West the league championship again this year. As it is the championship will have to be decided later on, but when a date will be available is uncertain as the Island league starts next Saturday.

The referee will report to the league to-morrow night when a date will be set for the match and for the others that have been postponed.

THREE BOXERS GO TO MAINLAND TO-NIGHT

Victoria Representatives in First Tournament of Season.

McIntyre of the J.B.A.A., Schaffer of North Ward and W. Hill, of Victoria West are the three local boxers who go to Vancouver to-night to take part in the inter-city boxing tournament to be held to-morrow night at Vancouver.

McIntyre will appear in the 145-pound class against all comers, Schaffer will take on lightweights at 135 pounds and Hill will look after the featherweights at 118 pounds.

Against these men will be McLean, Peterson, 120 pounds; McCallum, Lawson, 125 pounds; Togo, Morinan, 130 pounds; Newcomb, Biner, Miller, 145 pounds; Weeks, Welsh, 158 pounds, all of Vancouver.

The Victoria representatives to the tournament have been in training some weeks, and all will appear in the ring in good condition. The Vancouver contingent will come over here New Year's day to appear in the local tournament of the Empress Athletic Club at the A.O.U.W. hall, when the locals will be strengthened by the addition of Fisher and Bailey and two or three others from various clubs.

OFFICIAL INTERFERES.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 13.—By order of Prosecuting Attorney McDonald the scheduled fight between Al Goodall, of Chicago, and Walter Whitehead, of Duluth, for the middleweight title was declared off Saturday night. The men were to have fought ten rounds.

DECISION CREATES UPROAR.

Paris, Dec. 13.—In the fight here Saturday night between Sam McVey and Joe Jeannette, the American colored heavyweights, the referee declared the bout a draw after 30 rounds. The decision created an uproar.

JOHNNY HAYES WINS MARATHON RACE

Defeats Jimmy Fitzgerald by Three Laps at San Francisco.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—Johnny Hayes, Marathon hero at the Olympic games at London, was an easy victor in a Marathon race held yesterday, defeating Jimmy Fitzgerald, the Canadian runner, by three laps on the ocean shore track, and Con Connolly, of this city, by a mile.

When Hayes' time was first computed, 1.26.54], it was believed that he had set a new world's record for the classic race. It was determined later, however, that the circular course run was more than a mile short of the full distance.

On most voyages of a first-class ocean steamer about 3,000 pieces of glassware and crockery are broken

ULTIMATUM OF AMATEUR UNION

DEADLOCK UNALTERED WITH ISLAND LEAGUE

Only Two Cities Represented at the Executive Meeting.

"Resolved that after consideration of the new rules and definition of an amateur as adopted by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, that our interpretation of this temporary privilege granted to the National Lacrosse Union applies only to amateurs playing in this professional league, but does not allow professionals to play with or against amateurs in amateur leagues or sports."

"Resolved that it is the sense of this executive that it is not within the province of the B. C. A. A. U. to permit professionals to play with amateurs in soccer football, and if leagues on the island and the mainland refuse affiliation without this privilege and continue to play unsanctioned schedules, the players competing will be suspended forthwith."

"Resolved that the secretary of the B. C. executive instruct the secretaries of local branches and district consuls to at once notify the secretaries of the local soccer clubs and leagues of this important ruling, and that meetings of local boards will be called for receiving affiliations, issuing sanctions and dealing further with said clubs and leagues of the districts."

The three forgoing resolutions were the outcome of the B. C. A. A. U. executive meeting Saturday night, and the result is that the situation is exactly what it was before, the union having refused to budge one inch from the ground taken, and taking the strictest possible interpretation of the new rules for amateurs in the east.

Of the four cities connected with the B. C. A. A. U. there were, however, only two who sent representatives—D. O'Sullivan, president, and A. J. Brace, representing Victoria, and H. Gowen, secretary of the B.C. A.A.U., and G. N. Stacey, representing Vancouver. There were no delegates from Nanaimo or Westminster.

The result is that Victoria players who play in the island soccer league will be marked off the roll of the Victoria branch of the B. C. A. A. U. In connection with the players from Ladysmith and Nanaimo they have previously announced that they don't want to join the union, so they are not touched. Vancouver is in the same position as the soccer players, they having previously withdrawn from the B. C. A. A. U. The teams affected here are Victoria West and A. O. F. Both are members of the island league which has resolved that it will be an amateur league to play under Old Country rules. They intend to play amateur soccer, but will nevertheless, by the action of the B. C. A. A. U. on Saturday night, be regarded by the union as professionals. There are three Y. M. C. A. men in the Victoria West team—Whyte, Pettierew and McKittrick—who have decided to play in the island league.

The meeting received a letter from the island league stating it was willing to join the union if professionals in other lines of sport were allowed to play with amateurs in the soccer league. This request was declined, and the deadlock between the two bodies remains unaltered.

BASKETBALL.

JAMES BAY v. NORTH WARD.

The second senior grade basketball game of the season will be played to-night. The J.B.A.A. team meets North Ward. The first game was played last Monday and won by Victoria West from Y. M. C. A.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

Resolutions Passed at Kamloops Meeting—Next Gathering at Nelson.

Kamloops, Dec. 13.—The Conservative Convention adjourned Saturday, having selected Nelson as the next place of meeting.

The morning sitting was mostly devoted to discussion on resolutions.

A motion by H. H. Stevens, of Vancouver, favoring government ownership of telephones in this province, carried by a large majority after a warm debate.

A resolution recommending the provincial government to take over and operate the Tranquille sanatorium, carried unanimously.

A telegram was read from Mr. Borden asking for action on the question of the Dominion Conservative convention at Winnipeg next summer. A resolution in favor of the convention was unanimously carried. The association will send two representatives to the meeting at Ottawa in January to arrange preliminaries.

Resolutions in favor of aiding imperial defence, Asiatic exclusion and better terms were carried unanimously, and motions of confidence in Mr. Borden and the Hon. Richard McBride were carried.

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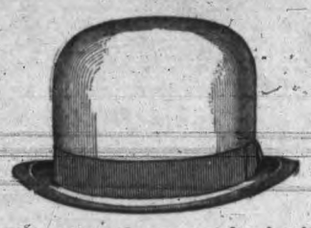

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The motion pictures of the big Johnson-Ketchell fight were shown at the Victoria theatre on Saturday night before a full house. The pictures throughout showed Johnson to be the superior and that he had the white man at his mercy most of the time. The pictures also showed Johnson to be a fighter of wonderful science, quick in movement and with lots of steam behind his punches. While Ketchell was no match for Johnson he made a plucky fight of it, but was terribly handicapped by being 30 pounds lighter than his opponent. The light was excellent and the pictures were shown without a blur, much to the satisfaction of those present.

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Rice paper, upon which the Chinese do such charming drawings, is a thin sheet of the prepared pith of a tree.

THREE MEN SUFFOCATED.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 15.—Three men died of suffocation and twenty others were overcome late Friday night as a result of a peculiar accident at a mine of the Shoemaker Mining Company, fifteen miles northeast of this city. All are foreigners.

Fire broke out in the fan house at the mouth of the shaft. The place was deserted and the flames gained headway before being discovered. Meanwhile the fans were pumping air to 24 men inside the mine. The smoke caused by the fire was caught by the fans and forced into the mine in such volume that three of the men were suffocated and the others rescued in a serious condition.

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Chain Purses, from	$3.40
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Ink Bottles, from	$2.70
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A telegram to Hugh E. Springer this morning from the Coalinga, California, oil district, says that there is more excitement in the old fields to-day than at any time since the boom started. This is occasioned by the promise of $1 per barrel for crude oil at the well, as against 50 cents now.

Mr. Springer is secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Pacific Oil Company of British Columbia, Limited, and came over from Vancouver yesterday to open his offices for the corporation in Victoria. He is quartered at the Empress with his wife and little daughter and maid.

"I look for big things in the oil situation," said Mr. Springer this morning. He was just moving into the company's new offices, 638 View street.

"We people of British Columbia don't know what money is. Why, when you see what is going on in California oil—the millionaires it is making over night—the sensational profit in the business, you are appalled. I just got back from a trip through the Coalinga and Midway, California, districts, and my eyes were certainly opened. Take this as an illustration: Oil costs 2 cents per barrel to produce; it sells for 50 cents flat at the well; this gives you a grand profit of 2,500 per cent. on your money. Just think of it! No wonder Rockefeller is able to give away $115,000,000!

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Andrew Gray, of the Marine Iron Works, this city, and Thomas Arnot Ker, Brackman-Ker, are in the directorate of the Canadian Pacific Oil Company of British Columbia, Limited, as are George E. Macdonald, of Marpole & Macdonald, Ltd., Vancouver, and John N. Redmond, president of the Royal Loan & Trust Co., Ltd., Vancouver. The corporation is getting ready to offer some of its shares to popular subscription.

TWO HORSES KILLED THROUGH ACCIDENTS

V. & S. Train Runs Down One and Collision on Street Another.

Through accidents which occurred on Saturday two valuable horses were so seriously injured that they had to be shot. Joseph Bull, of Saanich road, had sent a young employee with a team along the West Saanich road, and at 7 p.m., when the train from Sidney came along, it struck the horses, which were just about to cross the track. One horse was killed outright, but the driver and the other horse luckily escaped uninjured.

Earlier in the day a team belonging to Brown & Cooper crashed into one of Copas & Young's rigs while the latter was standing at the corner of Simcoe and Government streets, and the horse was so badly injured that it had to be shot by Dr. Hamilton, who also dispatched the injured animal belonging to Mr. Bull. The horse driven in Copas & Young's rig was the property of the Victoria Transfer Company.

—The regular meeting of the Young People's Association of the Church of Our Lord will be held this evening in the school room. The meeting was in charge of the literary committee and the topic to be discussed is "Half Hours With Favorite Authors." Miss Thornton will deal with Charles Dickens, and W. M. Thackeray and Mr. Rowland with Sir Walter Scott.

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FOREST PRESERVATION.

To the Editor: In connection with some of my former communications on the subject of forest conditions generally, and the recent forestry commission which the press announces is to formulate regulations for the preservation from further destruction of our forest wealth, I do not remember that amongst the evidence and recommendations, good, bad and indifferent, that were given, was there anything said regarding the depredations of insect pests, etc. Presumably the gentlemen composing the commission know all about such matters and will therefore, inter alia, take them into their serious consideration and submit suitable recommendations to this phase of the question, which is often looked upon as trifling. The destruction wrought by the Gypsy moth to the fruit trees of the United States, an insect which was accidentally introduced from Europe, the destructive effects of many others, are sufficient to prove that this is no trifling matter and should be carefully inquired into.

For several seasons past the forest trees, particularly the Douglas fir, on Vancouver Island, have been attacked by a small caterpillar, the moth of which is known as Tortrix fumiferana. Now this caterpillar I first noticed about two years ago in very limited numbers; last year in company with Professor Lake of Oregon, we noticed that the depredations had greatly extended, and during the past year the infestation was still further extended and amounted in some districts to a plague, whole areas being devastated and not only the Douglas fir, our most valued timber tree, but other canifers were attacked, and when the moths emerged they appeared in countless myriads, and for the first time appeared in the streets of Victoria flying against the electric lights and littering the sidewalks with their bodies. A section man on the E. & N. railway informed me that his wife could not put out her washing during the flight of these moths, as they settled on the clothers and stained them green.

Mr. A. W. Hanham, of the Bank of British North America, a careful and observant entomologist, wrote to me under date of 11th September as follows:

"The chief exception has been the Pine Tortrix. This handsome little beast has been a very bad pest here both this season and last, particularly along Maple Bay and over on Salt Spring Island. Looking across there from Maple Bay the effect has been almost as if the mountain sides had been fire-swept. The larvae were so numerous that on the smaller trees, at any rate, and on those bushy near the ground, where it was possible to get a good view, the end of every twig was attacked. I examined several of these trees about the time the moths were appearing, and saw no sign of parasites of any kind. All the pupae were healthy. The summer before last (in 1907) the moths were not at all numerous, and I noticed no ravages in the pines. That year wasps were a plague; last summer there were very few indeed throughout the season, and only just lately have there been any to speak of this season. I should like to have made a study of this pest but have not the time. I cannot say to what extent, if any, wasps would help to keep them in check. The larvae keep themselves fairly well protected."

On communicating these facts to Mr. Arthur Gibson, chief assistant entomologist at Ottawa, he wrote as follows: "I recently had a letter from Mr. Kearfatt, in which he says that the moths which you sent, one of which I referred to him, are Tortrix fumiferana, which is popularly known as the spruce budworm. Mr. Kearfatt asked me to find out from you whether all the specimens which you observed in British Columbia were of the same ochreous red. Strange to say we had a visitation of the moths here on the 23rd July, all of which were of a gray color and which have also been named by Mr. Kearfatt as the same species. The question has been raised whether both these forms are really the same species. After I wrote to you I was sent up into the Baskaton country, Que., about 113 miles north of Ottawa, to investigate the ravages which have been caused by some insects to spruce and balsam trees. It did not take me very long to notice that it was the same species which was present in our northern pulpwood country. I prepared a short report on my visit for the lumbermen of the Ottawa district, as they were very much excited about the matter. I hope to prepare something longer and should like if you will allow me, to include some notes from you regarding the destruction wrought by this insect in British Columbia."

Now whilst this infestation may, like some others, be naturally abated, we cannot, in my opinion, in view of the interests at stake, continue to pursue a course of laissez faire. This pest, as likely as not, may increase in such numbers as to seriously menace one of the greatest assets of the country, and therefore all possible precautions should be taken without delay to counteract it. We cannot ignore the lessons taught in other instances and the fact that it was considered of sufficient importance to send a Dominion officer to investigate the infestation in Quebec, should alone prompt measures being adopted.

J. R. ANDERSON.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10, 1909.

MOSLEMS EXECUTED.

Put to Death for Participation in Massacres at Adana.

Constantinople, Dec. 13.—Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana on Saturday and Sunday in connection with the April massacres. Great crowds witnessed the executions and relatives of the condemned men and thousands of others joined in manifestations of grief.

The Liverpool magistrates sent a man named William Moody to prison for a month for cruelty to a dog, which was found in an outhouse in a very emaciated condition.

FOUND DEAD IN SNOW.

Rosthern, Sask., Dec. 13.—A Galician named Waskyl Paulketsch was found dead one mile west of here. The dead man with two companions started from town, where they had been drinking heavily. The sleigh upset throwing the occupants out. The deceased fell into the snow, a sack of flour falling on his neck and smothering him.

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GERMANY ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN PEACE

Chancellor Says Nation Has No Adventurous Ideas.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Addressing the Reichstag, Chancellor Von Bethmann Holwegg reviewed briefly Germany's foreign relations. English statesmen, among them Premier Asquith, in recent speeches had defined the establishment of good relations between Great Britain and Germany as an important task of statesmanship, the new chancellor said, and he added that he could reply sincerely and with complete conviction and in accord with these intentions that the true interests of both countries would be served to the extent that they approached each other in a realization of these aims.

The chancellor referred to the friendship between the Emperors of Russia and Germany, and the good terms upon which the two nations lived to the steadfastness of the triple alliance, and to the Moroccan agreement with France.

In conclusion he said certain circles endeavored to make it appear that Germany had adventurous ideals dangerous to the world's peace, and declared that such aims were unknown in Germany, which kept on her way in great tranquility and steadfastness, free from all nervousness.

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Von Schoen, referred in a speech to the recent Pan-German criticisms of Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States. One of the responsibilities of a diplomat, declared Von Schoen, was to oppose imputations against the German policy when it was obvious that such imputations injured German interests. Such was the case in the count's recent Philadelphia speech he said, "for it certainly has not escaped your notice that public opinion in America had been incited against Germany."

"Repeated endeavors," he continued, have been made to arouse distrust of Germany by describing our policy as directed towards a war with England, and also that we look towards America with the aim of founding a great colonial empire in the south of Brazil.

"Such reports are used by our enemies as arguments for suspecting Germany. One must make a distinction between the activities of the Pan-German union as such, and individual pan-Germanistic utterances for which this union cannot be held responsible.

"I only make this observation, that our ambassador did not speak of the pan-Germanic union. His speech was directed against every writer whose publications are of a character to do damage to our reputation abroad, and add difficulties to the work of our diplomacy.

"When such endeavors are apparent, must not our representatives take measures to oppose them?"

Herr Von Schoen's speech was greeted with applause.

GRANBY DECLARES TWO PER CENT. DIVIDEND

Over Quarter of Million Dollars to Be Disbursed—Ore Shipments.

Nelson, Dec. 13.—News has been received here that at the monthly meeting of the Granby Mining Company held in New York on Tuesday last a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared upon the $13,500,000 of common stock issued, the total to be disbursed in this way being $270,000.

The chief topic of interest in mining circles at the present time is the convention to be held in this city on Wednesday next, when the zinc problem will be taken up and dealt with. Owing to the demand for spelter there is more than usual interest being displayed in zinc properties and in all matters relating to that branch of mining.

Ore Shipments.

The ore shipments for the week were as follows:

Boundary, last week, 40,267 tons; year, 1,563,214 tons.

Rossland, week, 4,998 tons; year, 221,848 tons.

Slocan Kootenay, week, 3,844 tons; year, 181,554 tons. The total ore shipments for the week were 49,109 tons; year to date, 1,866,616 tons.

The total smelter receipts were: 46,217 tons for the week and for the year, 1,728,243 tons.

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RECEIVE BARBAROUS TREATMENT IN MEXICO

U. S. Representative Says Americans Are Subjected to Indignities.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Reports of barbarous treatment and indignities to which Americans are alleged to be subjected in Mexico were contained in a communication delivered to President Taft by Representative Hinshaw of Missouri. The reports were reviewed by the president and referred to Secretary Knox.

Hinshaw declared that William Cook, an American engineer connected with a Mexican railroad, had been imprisoned in Guadaljara without trial. He was arrested with several Mexicans, and charged with having looted freight cars. The Mexicans in a belated confession exonerated Cook, who had been imprisoned many weeks without a hearing.

That the English and German flags were accorded much more respect than the American, Hinshaw stated, had been brought to his attention by several Americans who had resided in Mexico. The action Secretary Knox will take upon Hinshaw's report is problematic.

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INSANE PATIENT SHOT BY TOWN MARSHAL

Man Who Escaped From Asylum Refused to Surrender Atfer Killing Sheriff.

Shrever, Ohio, Dec. 13.—After killing Sheriff Bell, of Holmes county, running wild for 48 hours and terrorizing the people, A. E. Boley, an escaped patient from the Massilion state hospital for the insane, was fatally shot and captured on the farm of R. S. Wells, one mile north of here.

Trailed by posses, Boley ran in and out of traps all day, standing his pursuers off with his shotgun or eluding them by fleetness of foot.

Just at nightfall a posse saw him running across an open field. W. S. Hoover, town marshal, called upon him to halt, and then fired, the bullet striking Boley in the abdomen. He fell to the ground, but fought savagely, kicking, biting and scratching until overpowered. He was placed aboard a train for Wooster and died on the way.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—At the King street west branch of the Canada Foundry Company, Christe Vassi, a Macedonian laborer, was suddenly hurled headlong into a huge vat of prussic acid by the giving way of the tackle. After a night of the most terrible suffering at St. Michael's hospital, death came to him Saturday morning. His body was burned from the soles of his feet to his neck. His face, owing to the fact that the acid in the vat came only to his neck, was not touched, and this was the only part of his body that escaped burning.

EX-QUEEN WILL PRESS CLAIMS.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—Former Queen Liluokalani of Hawaii is in this city en route to Washington, where she will press her claim against the United States government. As a result of the seizure of certain lands in Hawaii by the United States, when the islands were made part of this government, she claims $250,000. She will remain here until the arrival of her son, Jonah Kalanianaole, also known as Prince Cupid, before proceeding East.

PAPER SEIZED.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Charging that it was a libelous publication, the city authorities seized every copy of the Industrial Worker, the organ of the Industrial Workers of the World, as it came off the press Saturday. The papers were taken to the city hall, and it is stated they will be burned. The leading article is by Elizabeth Flynn, the young woman convicted of conspiracy, in which she relates her alleged experience in the county jail.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 13.—5 a. m.—The high area over the Pacific states is now central on the Coast and is moving northward through this province and Alberta. Rainfall has been general from Port Simpson to California and snow in Eastern Oregon. In the prairie provinces the weather is chiefly fair and warmer, with light snow in a few localities.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Southerly and westerly winds, generally fair and colder at night.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.33; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles S.; rain, .07; weather, part cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, 5 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 36; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .14; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, 16 miles W.; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 22; minimum, 16; wind, 12 miles S.E.; weather, fair.

DROPS DEAD ON STREET.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Without any warning David Davidson, a dry goods merchant at 2143 Granville street, dropped dead last evening at the corner of Seventh avenue and Granville street. Death was caused by hemorrhage of the lungs. The late Mr. Davidson, who was 62 years of age, has been in this city for a number of years, being a native of Mount Forest, Ont. He was unmarried and leaves a sister residing in Mount Forest and a nephew in Winnipeg.

MURDERER ENDS LIFE.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—John W. Beam, a negro attorney, of Lima, Ohio, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs. Maud Dilz, white, committed suicide by hanging in his cell in thepenitentiary here.

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Silver Photo Frame
Blouse Set
Silver Cuff Links
Brooch
Necklet
Fob Purse
Match Box
Beauty Pins
Perfume Bottle
Cut Glass Salt Cellar
Ebony Darner
Brass Ash Tray
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Silver Bodkins
Ivory Charm
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Brass Ash Tray
Silver Nail File
Silver Vase
Drinking Cup in leather case
Silver Darner
Purse
Pearl Belt Pins
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Brooch
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$675—One lot on Dunedin street, near Douglas.
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$700—Lot 51 x 138 on Douglas street, near Dunedin.
$660 each—Two lots on Empress avenue between Vancouver and Quadra streets. Lot 50 x 127.
$600—Half acre on Finlayson street.
$2,360—Lot 60 x 112 on Government St.
$675 each—Three lots on Garbally road.
$2,500—Two lots on Harbinger avenue.
$600—Lot on Stanley street.
$410 each—Two lots on Joseph street, Fairfield estate.
$600—Lot on King's road, just off Douglas street.

Lots

$800—Corner lot 66 x 100 feet on King's road.
$2,500—Lot on Linden avenue, near Rockland avenue.
$3,600—Two lots on Lampson street, 1 1-16 acres each.
$1,100—Half acre lot on Monteray ave. Near beach.
$6,000—Acre lot on Oak Bay avenue. Three frontages.
$800—Two lots on Princess avenue, Central Park.
$1,750—Two lots on Cook and Pembroke streets. Snap.
$650—Lot on Pendergast street.
$2,000—Four lots on Prior street. Good view.
$650 each—Two lots on Queens avenue, Central Park.
$250 each—Nine lots on Scott street, Rockland Park.
$600—One lot on Vining street, 60 x 120. Terms.

Farms and Acreage

GLANFORD AVE.—5 acres, all cleared and under cultivation, 3 miles from city. Price $2,000.
SOOKE—160 acres, uncultivated, $2,000.
BURNSIDE ROAD—5 acres, new 7-room house, barn, 3 wells, windmill, 4 greenhouses, hot water heated; 3 acres in fruit; 2,500 small fruits; 1½ miles from car line. Snap at $5,250.
STRAWBERRY VALE—5 acres, on Holland avenue, 5-room house; all cleared; 130 fruit trees; horse, rig and farm implements. Price $3,800.

Business Properties

YATES STREET—30 feet between Douglas and Blanchard, improved, $31,500.
YATES STREET—30 feet between Douglas and Blanchard, vacant. $26,000.
PANDORA STREET—Near Douglas, runs through to Cormorant street, two lots. Price $21,000.
VIEW STREET—Between Blanchard and Quadra, lot 60 x 120. Price $4,500.
LANGLEY STREET—Two lots. Price $50,000.
LANGLEY STREET—Small lot near Fort. Price $10,000.

Residences

DALLAS AVENUE—Six-room house, new, well built, with all modern conveniences. Extensive interior furnishings. Near the sea. A special snap at $3,250.
MICHIGAN STREET — Four-room cottage, with bath. Fruit trees and nice garden. Lot 60 x 120. Price $1,800.
OAK BAY AVENUE—Seven-room house with four bedrooms. Pantry and bathroom; hot and cold water. Two corner lots, 100 x 120. Price $4,000.
QUEEN'S AVENUE—Five-room cottage, bath and pantry. Electric light. Lot 60 x 120. This property is in the beautiful Central Park subdivision. Only a few minutes' walk from business centre. Price $2,800.
STANLEY AVENUE—Five-room cottage, bath, pantry, electric light, gas and sewer connections; lawn, garden, large stable. House about 4 years old. Lot 58 x 120. Price $2,850.

Residences

OAK BAY AVENUE—Five-room cottage in good repair. Lot 30 x 120. Price $2,000 each, balance $20 per month.
SIMCOE STREET—Five-room new cottage, with large basement. Tiled fireplaces and over-mantels. Price $2,700 cash $1,000.
ST. JAMES STREET—Six-room house, lot 60 x 120. Enamel bath; electric light; fruit and shade trees. Price $2,650.
DUPLIN ROAD — Six-room house, concrete foundation; full basement; electric light; bath; open fireplace in dining-room. Price $2,650, cash $500.
FERNWOOD ROAD—Five-room cottage, hot and cold water; electric light; bath; stone foundation. Price for quick sale, $2,500, cash $200.
FERNWOOD ROAD—Seven-room house, bath, hot and cold water; electric light; lot 62 x 120. A snap at $3,500, cash $400.
CHAMBERLAIN STREET—Seven-room house, bath, electric light, hot and cold water. Lot 63 x 120. Price $3,900, cash $500.
PRINCESS STREET—Five-room house, new, cement foundation. Lot 58 x 120. Price $3,850.

Terms can be arranged to suit on all of the above properties.

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SPECIAL.

GORGE—Beautiful residence on the Gorge with large grounds. Full particulars on request. A snap.

GORGE ROAD—5 acres, with water frontage, above Victoria Gardens. Beautiful property; will subdivide and net purchaser large returns, Price $1,200 per acre.

SPECIAL.

BRIGHTON—A few half-acre lots in this select subdivision, near the sea and car line. Price $600 and $750 per lot.

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KING LEOPOLD REPORTED DYING

DEATH BELIEVED TO BE ONLY MATTER OF HOURS

Heir Apparent is at the Palace Ready to Take Reins of Government.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 13.—King Leopold is dying, according to an announcement by one of his physicians early to-day. It was stated that the end is approaching rapidly, and that the aged monarch's death is but a matter of a few hours.

Cardinal Mercier shortly before noon administered extreme unction to the dying king.

According to news coming from the palace Leopold realizes that the end is near. Prince Albert, of Flanders, heir apparent, is at the palace, and has prepared to assume immediately the duties of administration that will fall to him should his royal uncle die.

According to Prince Albert, as death approaches the king's usual cynicism has disappeared completely. His entire thought seems to be centered upon the future welfare of his country. Drs. Thier and Stieson are in constant attendance at the royal bedside. They announce that to-morrow, if the king lives until then, they will operate for strangulated hernia. The acute recurrence of the monarch's chronic trouble, followed by the paralyetic stroke that compelled him to take to his bed, has weakened his condition so that the result of the operation is feared even by the physicians.

The Belgium cabinet is practically in continuous session to-day.

STEEL STOCKS FIRM.

Sharp Advance in Prices in the New York Market.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 13.—The steel stocks acted with considerable strength to-day, and a sharp advance in price resulted. The general market was rather firm with a few specialties from 1 to 2 points higher than Saturday.

London was irregular for American shares, and some signs of weakness were noted, although there was no great depression in any of the leading securities.

The principal movement during the day was in Rock Island, Northern Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, American Smelter, United States Steel and Missouri Pacific. Rock Island held the greatest advance at the close of the day, being nearly four points higher than Saturday.

MONTREAL CIVIC AFFAIRS.

Judge Cannon Declares Administration of City Is "Saturated With Corruption."

Quebec, Dec. 13.—Judge Cannon handed down the long-expected report on Montreal municipal affairs to-day, the opening announcement being that "civic administration of the city of Montreal was saturated with corruption and soaked in patronage," and this served as the keynote for the whole report.

He declares maladministration on the part of half a dozen aldermen besides officials, all mentioned by name, and he leaves it to the council of 1910 to take what civil and criminal action it may think proper regarding revelations before the investigation court.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Hardware Man Leaves Note Stating Frivolities of Wife Wrecked His Life.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Charles J. Paine, a wealthy hardware man of this city, committed suicide as he lay in bed this morning by shooting himself through the head.

In a note which was found in an overcoat pocket, Paine declared that his wife was his murderer because of her inconsistency. He also declared in the letter that she had wrecked his life with her frivolities.

Paine and his wife had lived apart for some time, but recently a reconciliation was effected.

Mrs. Paine was dressing in an adjoining room when she heard a shot. Rushing into her husband's room she found him dying with blood gushing from a wound in his head. His hand still tightly clutched the smoking revolver.

The woman was taken to the police station in a hysterical condition, the police fearing that she would take her life if released.

DETROIT MURDER.

Citizens Will Offer Reward for Capture of Slayer of Girl.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—The citizens to-day started a reward fund for the apprehension of the murderer of Helen Clark, the little girl who was found strangled to death in the Whitman Trucking yard here Saturday.

The police have been able to get no important information from Glenn Firestone and Thomas Clark, who are under arrest, having been taken into custody on suspicion.

It is now believed that the girl was murdered somewhere in the neighborhood of the truckyard and that her body afterward was dragged there.

The pitiable plight of the poor mother and crippled father of the little girl has aroused the community.

TIMES WANT ADS. PAY

MURDERER AT LARGE.

Police Unable to Capture Man Who Killed Bath Attendant and Robbed Stores.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—Although every available detective and patrolman of the San Francisco police force has been detailed to comb the city in an effort to run to earth the murderer and robber who for more than a week has baffled the efforts of the officers to capture him, the man is still at large and no clue has been uncovered that might lead to his apprehension.

On the evening of December 4th the man shot William Schneider, an attendant at the Burns Hammam baths, and held up four drug stores in the business section of the city.

Last Saturday night, exactly one week from the night of the first crimes, he returned to the drug store of E. B. Gleason, brother of Jack Gleason, the fight promoter, and at the point of a revolver, compelled a clerk to hand over $150 that was in the cash register.

Yesterday morning the robber called the Gleason store by telephone and declared to Gleason:

"I'm going to return. Next time if you don't have more money in your till I'll blow your d—d head off."

More than twenty suspects have been taken up by the police, but the officers are confident that the guilty person is yet at liberty.

SUFFOCATED IN MINE.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Fire broke out in Galt mines, No. 3 shaft, yesterday, and before it was extinguished one man named Beresford and ten horses were smothered to death. The property damage is not extensive.

—George Jones, the contractor, an old resident of Victoria, has announced his intention of standing for aldermanic honors, running in Ward Three.

—On Christmas Day only one through train will leave this city for Nanaimo. This one will leave at 9 o'clock in the morning.

—The W. A. of St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, will hold their Christmas sale of work at the rectory to-morrow from 3 to 10 p.m. A concert will be given, commencing at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. Ashe's fine yacht Olympic, which left here a day or two ago with the purpose of making a cruise to Honolulu, returned yesterday with her rigging in bad shape. Apparently she had run into a gale and been badly knocked about. She is once more moored in the harbor at the old place.

—On Wednesday evening the International Geneva Association of Hotel and Restaurant Employees of Victoria will give their second annual dance in the Broad Street hall. Last season's function was a grand success and the tickets in consequence are being taken up very rapidly. A large number of Tombola prizes will be given.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

Three Men Succeed in Beaching Boat When Within 100 Yards of Falls.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—While attempting to cross the turbulent Pend d'Oreille river at Metaline, Wash., a mining camp near Spokane, while the stream was choked with large cakes of ice and driftwood which floated off the banks during the recent storms, three Metaline men yesterday just escaped with their lives on the verge of being carried over the falls.

Loaded into a frail rowboat they started from the Metaline side to a logging camp across the stream, poling the craft. When midway in the river the boat was caught between cakes of ice and held in the middle of the stream while the current rushed them closer to the falls, then half a mile away.

After heroic efforts the men succeeded in landing within 100 yards of the falls, all being exhausted by the strain.

SUES FOR DAMAGES.

Artist's Model Claims $100,000 From Zelaya's Son For Alleged Breach of Promise.

New York, Dec. 13.—Anibel Zelaya, youngest son of the president of Nicaragua, will oppose a suit for $100,000 damages for breach of promise, brought by Juliet Hero, an artist's model, in the Supreme court here to-morrow.

The girl promises to exhibit 100 love letters, which she says she received from Zelaya, and some of which, she claims, were copied bodily from the works of Laura Jean Libby and Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Anibel Zelaya is a student in the law department of the Columbia university.

WORN-OUT HORSES.

Inspectors Will Remedy the Conditions on London Docks.

Sentence of two months' hard labor was passed on Alfred Beale for cruelty to a horse on the London docks. He was leading it to the docks for shipment abroad, but it was starving and so weak that when an inspector stopped it in the street it fell down.

Inspector Rogers of the R. S. P. C. A., said he had seen a letter from the Home Office to the effect that the companies on the Thames had given permission for officers of the society to go on to their premises. He had seen horses, however, on one of the wharfs packed like sardines in a tin, and apparently without food, but he had been refused admittance to examine them.

LOW BIRTH RATE.

In the quarter ending September last the birth rate in England and Wales—25.4 per 1,000 of the population—was 2.5 per 1,000 below the average rate for the ten preceding third quarters and was the lowest rate recorded in any third quarter since the establishment of civil registration.

LABOR COUNCIL.

Gompers Confident Understanding Will Be Reached With United States Steel Corporation.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—Aside from expressing his confidence that "some sort of an understanding would be reached between the American Federation of Labor and the United States Steel Corporation," as a result of the deliberations of the labor council which opened here to-day, President Samuel Gompers, of the Federation, declined to predict the action by the conference.

It was expected that the conference would take some action concerning the present strike of the switchmen employed on the railroads in the Northwestern section of the country. The main effort of the conference, however, will be to force the corporation to abandon the open shop policy. Everything pointed to a concentrated attack upon the corporation in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia as the opening of the campaign.

According to preliminary registrations, more than 150 delegations will be in attendance before the second session of the conference opens.

DIED.

WALLACE—On Sunday evening, at the family residence, 1118 Fort street, Kate Wallace, widow of the late Capt. Marshall Wallace, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, aged 91 years.

Funeral on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, at 2 p. m., and 2.30 from Christ Church Cathedral.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Gordon setter, wore collar with the following inscription: D. Ross, White Horse, Victor. Will finder please return to Campbell's Drug Store? d13

FOR SALE—A first calved Jersey cow. Apply Joseph Bland, next door Half-Way House, Esquimalt road. Phone M2084. d15

ENGLISH BRASS CANDLESTICKS below cost, only 75c.; also brass Navy shells, 10c. each; 10 Victoria postal cards for 5c.; all Christmas Cards, one cent; Indian curios and baskets below cost. Remember, 79 Johnson street, the Indian trader, H. Stadthagen. d13

FOR SALE—Grade cow, calved three weeks, very quiet. Apply J. A. Grant, Royal Oak. d13

TO RENT—8 room modern house on Pandora Ave., near Quadra street, good condition. Apply R. W. Coleman, 1230 Government.

TO RENT—7 room house, cor. Pandora Ave. and Quadra street. Apply to R. W. Coleman, 1230 Government street.

WANTED—To purchase, a five or six roomed cottage, close in, for cash or on terms. Apply J. E., Box A114, Times Office. d16

WANTED—Pupil to learn mechanical dentistry, with personal supervision. Apply Box 890, Times. d13

BUSINESS PROPERTY, on Yates street and on Fort, for sale. Wescott & Letts, Moody Block. d12

6 MINUTES FROM POST OFFICE, on Superior street, a fine 7 roomed house, with modern conveniences, only $3,300, terms. Wescott & Letts, Moody Block. d13

BIGGEST SNAP on Yates street, the future bon-ton business street of the city, 60 feet with 2 new houses bringing in $50 a month and valued at $5,000; this property is worth at a conservative estimate $10,000, but owner wants a quick sale and will take $8,400; terms, half cash and balance to arrange. T. P. McConnell, cor. Government and Fort Sts., upstairs. d13

MECHANICAL DENTIST WANTED. Apply confidentially by letter, stating experience and wages required, to Dr. Alfred James Thomas, 647 Fort St. d13

N. B. MAYSMITH & CO., LTD.—We have listed a large number of desirable properties during the last week and our list is still growing. If you want the latest prices on Victoria properties call and see us. Rooms 4 and 6, Mahon Bldg.

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BUY SNAPS now at the beginning of the boom. Property will increase rapidly from now on. We have a number of special snaps on our lists. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd.

VANCOUVER STREET—Three houses on corner lot, rented for $44 per month. A special snap at $4,200, or will sell separately. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

TRANSIT ROAD, Shoal Bay, a half acre lot, price $750, near sea and car line. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

PRIOR STREET—Four lots, with view overlooking the entire city and Straits, no rock; a special snap at $2,000. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

GORGE—5 acres on the Gorge, suitable for sub-division, near Victoria Gardens; price $1,200 per acre. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

HAUGHTON STREET—Lot 50x135; price $500. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

LINDEN AVENUE—One lot near Rockland Ave.; price $2,500. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

FOR SALE—Block of 8 beautifully situated lots adjoining reservoir, four 60 ft. x 120 ft. and four 60 ft. x 101 ft. 9 in., $400 each; $50 per lot down, balance to suit. Sub-division of 23 choice lots $725 each; $50 per lot down, balance to suit. Would exchange either of the above for city rental property. Apply proprietor, Fetherston, Mount Tolmie P. O. j13

WANTED—Girl for mangle room. Standard Steam Laundry, 845 View St. d15

FOR SALE—Gents' gold filled chains, $3.50; ladies' gold earrings, $2.50; locket, eight brilliants, with necklace, $3.50; English rolled gold cuff buttons, $2.50; lady's engraved ruby ring, $2.50; boys' new watches, $1.50. All goods neatly packed for Christmas. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson St., 6 doors below Government, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

KERR WILL PAY highest prices for stoves, ranges and heaters. 710 Yates. d13

FOR RENT—Modern 6 roomed cottage, 1053 Mears street. d12

THE STANDARD STEAM LAUNDRY, LTD., pays special attention to washing flannels.

50 LADIES' RAIN COATS, from $1. At Davies & Sons, 742 Fort street. d13

SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED and overhauled. Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant. d12

WILL SING AND PLAY—Thirteen of best local talent, to-night in school-room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church; a good time guaranteed. Adults, 25c.; kiddies, 10c. d13

YOUNG MAN wants position as bookkeeper or stenographer; is experienced and able to furnish best references as to character and ability. Box 889, Times. d13

TOOL SHARPENING, lock repairing, key fitting, etc., at Waltes Bros., 641 Fort street.

FOUND—A sum of money, on Friday afternoon. Owner may have same by giving satisfactory identifcaton and paying for this advertisement. Times Box 888. d15

DON'T THROW IT AWAY—The Victoria Hat Works will clean, block and re-trim your old hat like new. 1214 Government street, upstairs. d13

A VACANCY in a select bachelors' club. Every home comfort, good table, expenses low. Box 887. d15

TWO LOTS, 50x120, splendid locality, Cook street, near Southgate, $1,750. Northwest Real Estate, 706 Yates. d13

FOR SALE—Lot 50x135 feet, on corner of Shakespeare and Denman streets; price $400, terms; 2 adjoining lots sold for $500 each. Telephone 1832, or apply 1141 North Park street. d13

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NOTICE

Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to be present at the ceremonies of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Introduction of Freemasonry into this Province, which will take place at the Masonic Temple, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 4 and 8 p. m.

EDWARD B. PAUL,
Deputy Grand Master.

FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

The securing of Sooke as a water supply.

The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.

The stricter guarding of public morals.

A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

A. Henderson

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE REINFORCED

ESTRADA SENDS TROOPS TO BLUEFIELDS

Rumor That U. S. Marines Who Tried to Land Were Fired Upon.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 13.—The arrival from Greytown of 300 revolutionary troops under General Chamarro, who has abandoned temporarily his siege at that point, has put new confidence into the inhabitants of Bluefields, and the panic of Saturday has given place to more settled conditions.

Zelaya's army still lies outside the city, but as yet the dictator has made no general advance. Chamarro's presence here may enable the defenders to withstand the siege until reinforcements arrive from the vicinity of Rama, where the strength of Estrada's army is massed.

No marines have been landed from the United States cruiser which lies off the coast. It was rumored here today that in the event of Zelaya's capture of the city, the Americans would prevent pillaging promised his troops by the dictator.

Marines Reported Repulsed.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—A wireless message from Colon this afternoon says that American marines tried to land at Bluefields to-day, but were fired upon.

The report does not say what soldiers attacked the marines, but it is believed here from this report that Zelaya has captured Bluefields.

The city heretofore has been held by the Estrada forces, friendly to America.

The last definite reports from that region indicates that the Zelayan army was near Bluefields with orders to capture and sack the town.

The news during Sunday showed that Estrada was using every means to intercept such a movement. It was reported that the Zelayan forces greatly outnumbered the Estrada men in that vicinity, as the result of the mistake whereby Remington cartridges were sent there with Mauser rifles for the revolutionists.

The Latin-American colony here was thrown into a fever of excitement today by the report that an attack had been made on American marines.

Every effort is being made to get confirmation or denial of the attack, but nothing has been heard direct from Bluefields since early to-day, and the news then was not definite.

All day the Nicaraguans here have been expecting news of an attack upon the city. Since they have received no such news and since nothing has been heard of the position of the Zelayan forces to-day, the fear that a battle is in progress has grown.

The wireless dispatch from Colon says that only five marines were attempting to land. The wording of the message has led to the conclusion that the marines were driven back to the ships.

Mexican Envoy Arrives.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Enrique C. Creel, former Mexican ambassador to this country and now acting as special envoy for his government in the Central American imbroglio, arrived here, and will bring his mission before the state department Tuesday.

While insisting that his government has abounding faith in the good judgment and sound diplomacy of the state department, Senor Creel subtly indicated that Mexico was not altogether in accord with the vigorous measures being employed by the United States government to bring the Zelaya government to time.

INTERESTING CAREER OF DR. SHEEPSHANKS

Pioneer Missionary of This Province Interviewed in London.

The London Daily News, in a recent issue, had a very interesting sketch of the career of Bishop Sheepshanks, who was a pioneer missionary in British Columbia some forty years ago. Following is an extract:

But for the white beard of patriarchal proportions, which makes him one of the most easily distinguished of the bishops on the bench, you would not call him an old man yet. "In seventy-six years I believe I have had less than fourteen days' illness," he was able to assure me.

His physique as a young man must have been remarkable. When, in 1867, he went to California from a curacy with Dean Hook, at Leeds, the Far West was no place for bread-and-butter misses. To hear him talk recalls vividly a first reading of Bret Harte.

"There was a pale-faced little man who was anxious to be allowed to beat the gong regularly for service at New Westminster, but said he ought first to tell me something about himself," he relates. "'I'm just out of the jail at 'Frisco,' he went on. 'And what were you in for?' I asked. 'Murder,' was the reply. His wife had been unfaithful, he had shot her seducer at sight, and got three months for it.

"Shootings of that kind—regulated by a certain code of honor—were not very rare in those days. The usual thing was to send a written notice something like this: 'You —— villain. I give you notice: I shoot you at sight.'"

One of the bishop's strangest adventures occurred upon his journey across America by mail-coach—such a coach upon such roads that he had to be tied down with arms outstretched, in order to get a wink of sleep. It was the adventure of preaching before Brigham Young and 3,000 Mormons, in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City. The autocrat of the Latter Day Saints appears to have taken a strange fancy to the young English clergyman, with his brave eyes and humorous mouth, for it was by special request that Mr. Sheepshanks discharged a duty never attempted before or since.

He was much moved as he told me the sequel.

"Recently," said he, "I got a letter from a clergyman in the United States, which said that recently an American bishop met in Salt Lake City an elderly woman. 'I know that woman well,' remarked one of the party. 'When the Bishop of Norwich was here, forty years ago, she heard him preach, and was so impressed that she went away to the East and abandoned Mormonism. Some years later she returned to Salt Lake City, and has occupied herself ever since in preaching Christianity.'"

"Blessed text!" exclaimed the aged bishop, as he recalled the verses beginning, "Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ," upon which he based that famous sermon. "Truly bread cast upon the waters——"

Dr. Sheepshanks is one of the very few Europeans, also, who have witnessed the ceremony of the Adoration of the Great Lama in Ouraga, the sacred city of the Mongols. In 1867 a lonely journey through the heart of Asia from Peking to Moscow was a deed of daring that very few young clergymen indeed would have cared to attempt, but the future bishop accomplished it with the utmost sang-froid, dropping into Aurga by the way, and encountering, quite unabashed, what he described to me as the "ferocious frown" of the Great Lama himself. The bishop delights especially in one little story connected with this tour.

Mr. Birkbeck, the well-known Norfolk layman, had occasion a few years ago to visit a convent not far from the Caspian Sea. The archimandrite of the convent recalled how, thirty years before, a young Englishman had discussed with him at Posolsky, in Siberia, the subject of the payment of the clergy, and had expressed the opinion—in Latin, for that was the only language they had in common—that English bishops were paid too much, while their clergy were paid too little. It was with a twinkle in his eye that he heard that that young Englishman was now himself lord of a palace and an episcopal income.

"I wonder if he has changed his mind?" said the archimandrite.

"And have you?" I inquired.

"I am still of the same opinion," my host declared. "Only it's no use cutting down our stipends unless you get rid of our palaces. That is the first essential step. Now this place"—with a glance at the splendid proportions of the room—"wouldn't make a bad workhouse, or tea-rooms, perhaps, considering the garden. I know it has been a bishop's palace for 800 years, and has associations. But it costs me £2,500 a year to keep up. Is it worth it?"

Judge Bacon, despite his 77 years, sat in the Whitechapel, London, County court until 10 o'clock the other evening to complete a workman's compensation arbitration. He had been at the court since 10 a. m.

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NEW STEAMERS ON ATLANTIC

CAIRO AND HELIOPOLIS FOR GREAT NORTHERN

William MacKenzie Says the Steamers Will Go on St. Lawrence Route.

William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, who has recently returned to Canada from a trip to England, has purchased two first-class new steamers to form the nucleus of a fleet for the Atlantic trade to be run in connection with the C. N. R. lines.

The new steamers are the Cairo and the Heliopolis, which have been engaged in the Mediterranean trade between Marseilles and Alexandria, and upon which the company has for some time had an option.

It is reported that the Cairo and the Heliopolis are practically 20-knot steamers on the Mediterranean, but it is doubtful if they would make so high an average speed on the Atlantic. Their passenger accommodation is of the highest order, and they are graceful and elegant, of the best French build. Their high speed, with comparatively light draught, will, it is believed, make them specially well adapted for the St. Lawrence traffic. They will, according to present plans, run between Montreal, Quebec and Liverpool in the summer months.

The vessels are of 11,300 tons, 525 feet long, 62 feet 8 inches in breadth and 27 feet 1 inch in depth.

BELLE OF SCOTLAND DOCKED AT ESQUIMALT

Arrived in Ballast From Panama, Experiencing Heavy Weather.

Steamer Belle of Scotland this morning arrived at Esquimalt from Port Townsend and went into dry dock for cleaning and painting, the contract for this work having been let to the B. C. Marine Railway Company.

Capt. Nutman, when seen after his arrival, said that he arrived yesterday from Panama where he had taken a cargo of lumber for W. R. Grace & Co. from Puget Sound ports. He came north in ballast most of the time, steaming ahead of a howling gale. Sometimes it blew from the sou'east and sometimes from the sou'west, but with slight intermisisons it blew all the time.

The Belle of Scotland discharged her cargo at Balboa, about five miles up the canal. This is a small town of workmen employed on the construction. There is a good wharf for discharging, but nothing more. Capt. Nutman says that the people down there think the canal will be ready well ahead of 1915. The work is progressing splendidly.

The Belle of Scotland belongs to Crow Rudolf & Co., of Liverpool, the owners of the Belle of Spain, now at Prince Rupert, and other vessels of the Belle line of tramps. She is a big tank of something like 430 feet over all. She about fills the drydock at Esquimalt. She was taken in this morning by Capt. Bucknam.

No definite instructions had been received this morning as to the future disposition of the steamer, but it is generally thought she will load a cargo of coal at Nanaimo for Guaymas.

QUEEN CHARLOTTES AND PRINCE RUPERT

Congratulations Sent to Island Through Courtesy of Quadra Officials.

The following wireless report was received this morning by the Dominion government wireless station at Gonzales hill, it having been sent from the Dominion government steamer Quadra at present in Prince Rupert harbor to the new wireless station at Ikeda bay: "Empire offers congratulations to the people of Queen Charlotte Islands through the good work of the Dominion government steamer Quadra now in port, in being linked with Prince Rupert and the world by wireless."

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, December, 1909.

Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
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2	0 24	1.4	10 17	9.0	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
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4	1 51	3.1	10 56	8.8	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
5	2 36	4.0	10 52	8.8	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
6	3 24	4.9	10 46	8.9	.. ..	..	19 44	5.2
7	2 54	5.9	4 16	5.7	11 02	9.0	19 36	4.6
8	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	11 24	9.0	19 40	4.0
9	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	11 45	9.1	19 53	3.3
10	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12 03	9.2	20 14	2.8
11	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12 17	9.4	20 44	1.9
12	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12 28	9.6	21 18	1.4
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19	1 38	2.8	9 28	8.7	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
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21	3 13	4.9	10 10	9.1	17 46	4.7	.. ..	..
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23	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	10 58	9.6	18 58	2.4
24	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	11 25	9.9	19 41	1.4
25	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	11 54	10.1	20 23	0.8
26	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12 24	10.1	21 04	0.4
27	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12 53	10.0	22 45	0.4
28	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	13 18	9.7	22 27	0.7
29	8 38	9.0	10 30	8.9	13 50	9.2	23 09	1.3
30	9 06	8.9	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	23 51	2.0
31	9 16	8.9	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

MORE RAIL STEAMERS FROM ATLANTIC COAST

Tropea Already Fixed to Load Lumber at Hastings Mill for Australia.

During the past week three more steamers sailed from the Atlantic coast with steel rails for B. C. ports. The British steamer Tropea left Sydney, C. B., on Sunday with a full cargo for Vancouver and Prince Rupert, and was followed by the Norwegian steamers Elsa and Alden, from Baltimore, with rails and steel for Vancouver and New Westminster. A fourth steamer will be chartered to leave Baltimore early in the New Year. All these vessels have been fixed for Evans, Coleman & Evans. The steamer Foxley, which was reported to have been taken for Vancouver, and which put into Montevideo in distress, is not going to that port.

Steamer Tropea has been chartered to load lumber at Hastings mill for Australia. She is expected on this coast about the end of March, having left the Dominion Steel Company's port at Cape Breton on November 29th. She should arrive before the Alden and Elsa.

NEW COASTING CRAFT FOR UNION COMPANY

Irish Built Vessel Coming Next Summer Will Be Named Chemainus.

It is now definitely understood that the Union Steamship Company intend placing a new steamer on the Coast during the course of the next year. The vessel will be here early in the summer and will be named the Chemainus. As stated by the Times on a former occasion the steamer is now being built by the Dublin Dockyard Company, where the hull will be finished. The engines will be placed in her at Belfast and the vessel will be completed there with the exception of the deck houses, which will be constructed on her arrival at Vancouver.

The vessel, which will have somewhat the same appearance as the Cowichan, has been designed by Mr. A. J. C. Robertson, of North Vancouver. The steamer would have been built in the yards there; a longer time, however, and a greater cost persuaded the company to have the vessel constructed in the Old Country. The engines are being built by MacColl & Company, of Belfast, and will enable the steamer to have a speed of 12½ knots.

The steamer will be specially adapted for the trade on this Coast, in which the company has had more than 20 years' experience.

The Union Steamship Co. was originated at Glasgow, but the shares are all practically owned in British Columbia at the present time. The steamers of the company are the Camosun, Cowichan, Cassiar, Comox, Capilano, Coquitlam and Coutlt, all of which are well known from Port Roberts to the head of the Portland Canal. It is not known at present on what run the Chemainus will be employed, but it is probable that the vessel will alternate with the Cowichan.

GEORGIA FLOATED.

Ashore on Sand in Fraser River and Off Uninjured.

The government steamer Georgia, of the fisheries patrol fleet, returned to New Westminster at the week end after being successfully floated from the mud banks of the Pitt river, where she grounded a week ago. The steamer is absolutely uninjured, the sand being unable to cause damage to the hull.

The releasing of the Georgia from the mud was effected by the aid of J. W. Pike's dredge, Beaver No. 1, which was at the time of the accident deepening the channel of the Coquitlam river, and was towed by the tug Nellie Thurston to the scene of the accident.

A channel of about 200 feet had to be cut to allow the vessel to be towed into deep water, and in spite of the stormy weather which prevailed the Georgia was refloated and towed off. The dredge then went back to Coquitlam.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

Vessel.	Due.
Monteagle	Dec. 13
Kumeric	Dec. 17
Empress of Japan	Jan. 21
From Australia.	
Aorangi	Dec. 16
From Mexico.	
Georgia	Dec. 15
Erna	Dec. 20
From Liverpool.	
Ning Chow	Dec. 26
TO SAIL.	
For the Orient.	
Empress of China	Dec. 18
For Australia.	
Aorangi	Dec. 31
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Dec. 12
For Liverpool.	
Bellerophon	Dec. 29

COASTWISE STEAMERS.

TO ARRIVE.

From San Francisco.

Vessel.	Due.
Queen	Dec. 17
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 22
From Northern B. C. Ports.	
Vadso	Dec. 14
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 15
St. Denis	Dec. 21
From West Coast.	
Tees	Dec. 18
TO SAIL.	
For San Francisco.	
Umatilla	Dec. 15
For Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 25
For Northern B. C. Ports.	
St. Denis	Dec. 23
Vadso	Dec. 16
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 17
For West Coast.	
Tees	Dec. 20

FERRY SERVICE.

Victoria-Vancouver.

Steamer leaves Victoria daily at 1 a. m., arrives at Vancouver 7 a. m.; returning, leaves Vancouver 1.30 p. m., arrives Victoria 6.30 p. m.

Victoria-Seattle.

Steamer leaves Victoria daily except Sunday at 12.05 a. m., arrives at Seattle, except Sunday, 7 a. m.; returning, leaves Seattle, except Sunday, at 9.30 a. m., and calling at Port Townsend arrives at Victoria, except Sunday, at 3 p. m.

MARINE NOTES

Steamer Knight of the Thistle passed up to Comox yesterday to bunker.

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The steamer Georgia, now on her way up from Salina Cruz, has four cases of typhoid among the members of her crew, according to letters received from the Tehauntepec.

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Captain Colcord, of the steamer Virginia, which recently arrived at Seattle from San Francisco, reported a northward current off Cape Flattery which he thought had a speed of over three miles an hour.

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British barque Levernbank, of the same line as the Hawthornbank and Springbank, both of which are well known here, is reported to have been lost in the Bay of Biscay. The crew were saved by the steamer Russia.

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Steamer Bellerophon of the Blue Funnel line having successfully affixed her new propellers in Vancouver harbor by tilting her stern out of water, will leave that port on Wednesday for Victoria, where she will take some cargo.

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Kosmos liner Setos is expected to arrive here to-morrow from Puget Sound. She has a consignment of nitrate of soda for the Giant Powder Works which she brought from the West Coast. She will go from here to Nanaimo to fill her bunkers.

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Steamer Umatilla will not leave here until Thursday of this week. There has been a slight variation in the schedule of these steamers for the winter months. The steamers leave every fifteen days in future instead of one a week.

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Steamer Katanga has a large consignment of sugar for the refinery at Vancouver. She is at present in San Francisco, where she arrived from Australia after a very stormy passage. She is due here about the end of the month and it is possible she may dock at Esquimalt. It is understood that prices for the work are being asked.

DISCHARGING OIL

City of Nanaimo Now Handling Whale Products From Page's Lagoon.

Steamer City of Nanaimo is this morning discharging about 400 barrels of whale oil which she brought from the station at Page's Lagoon. She brought word that but few whales were being taken in the gulf this year.

So far as the officers of the steamer were able to ascertain nothing had yet been seen of the body of the fireman who fell overboard on the last trip. The steamer leaves for Comox and way ports to-morrow morning.

SHIPPING REPORT

(By Dominion Wireless.)

Cape Lazo, Dec. 13, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; bar., 30.22; temp., 36; sea smooth; spoke Princess May northbound at 8 a.m., just leaving Union Bay.

Point Grey, Dec. 13, 8 a.m.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 30.24; temp., 48.

Tatoosh, Dec. 13, 8 a.m.—Cloudy; wind south 6 miles; bar., 30.30; temp., 44; sea moderate; passed in, 3-masted barque during night; in, steam schooner Fairhaven, 7 a.m.; in, Admiral Sampson, 10.40 p.m.

Estevan, Dec. 13, 8 a.m.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 30.30; temp., 40; light swell.

Pachena Dec. 13, 8 a.m.—Drizzling; calm; bar., 30.23; temp., 40; sea moderate.

Tatoosh, Dec. 13, noon.—Cloudy; wind S. W., one mile; bar., 30.38; temp., 45; sea moderate; in straits bound out, 4-masted schooner Alca in tow of Richard Holyoke; passed Port Crescent bound in, schooner Benicia, in tow of tug Tyee.

Pachena, Dec. 13, noon.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 30.28; temp., 43; sea moderate; Puget Sound Tugboat Company's tug westbound, at 9:50 a. m.

Estevan, Dec. 13, noon.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 29.46; temp., 43; light swell; Tees in Sidney Inlet, at 11:30 a. m.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 13, noon.—Overcast; calm; bar., 30.30; temp., 31; sea smooth; Camosun southbound, at 10 a. m.; spoke Princess May northbound, at noon in narrows, she reporting just having left steamer Belle of Spain southbound.

Point Grey, Dec. 13, noon.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 30.33; temp., 45.

SLACK WATER, ACTIVE PASS, B. C.

December, 1909.

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6	0 13	12 06	5 14	19 57
7	1 44	12 35	6 17	20 26
8	2 50	13 00	7 19	20 52
9	3 41	13 24	8 17	21 17
10	4 23	13 48	9 09	21 42
11	5 03	14 14	9 58	22 10
12	5 42	14 42	10 45	22 41
13	6 21	15 13	11 32	23 15
14	7 01	15 49	12 22	23 53
15	7 40	16 31	.. ..	13 16
16	8 18	17 22	0 34	14 13
17	8 55	18 27	1 18	15 13
18	9 32	19 50	2 05	16 14
19	10 10	21 33	2 57	17 12
20	10 48	23 17	3 54	18 07
21	11 25	.. ..	4 57	18 55
22	0 53	12 02	6 07	19 41
23	2 19	12 40	7 21	20 22
24	3 27	13 19	8 32	21 08
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26	5 16	14 41	10 37	22 31
27	6 03	15 25	11 36	23 11
28	6 46	16 12	12 34	23 51
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31	8 40	19 13	1 14	15 33

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Almost exactly four tons of coal were burned per head of population in the United Kingdom last year. The output in tons was 261,528,795, and the value of tons was 261,528,795, and the value of years.

B. C. Coast Service

SAILINGS TO

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S. S. PRINCESS MAY—Sails SATURDAY, DEC. 25th, calling at VANCOUVER, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Swanson Bay, Kitamaat, Hartley Bay, Claxton, Port Essington, PRINCE RUPERT, Port Simpson, KETCHIKAN, Juneau, SKAGWAY, and every two weeks thereafter.

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BRITISH MINERAL OUTPUT FOR A YEAR

Small Decrease in 1908 Over Previous Twelve Months.

A blue book was issued a few days ago; part of the report on mines and quarries for 1908, by Mr. Redmayne, chief inspector of mines in Great Britain, and deals with output. The total value of the minerals raised during the year amounted to £120,003,670, a decrease of £5,275,418 as compared with 1907. This decrease is mainly accounted for by the decreased output of coal. The total output of coal was 261,528,795 tons, and the value £116,598,849, showing decreases of 6,302,167 tons and £3,928,530 respectively on the figures for 1907. The average price of coal was 8s 1d per ton in 1908 as compared with 9s 6d in 1907.

The quantity of coal exported, exclusive of coke and manufactured fuel, and of coal shipped for the use of steamers engaged in foreign trade, was 62,547,175 tons, a decrease of more than a million tons on the exports for 1907. The amount of coal remaining for home consumption was 176,222,659 tons, or 3,956 tons per head of the population. There were 13,537,648 tons of coke obtained in 1908, valued at £12,467,287.

Of the other non-metallic minerals, the combined values of the output of clay and shale, rocks, limestone, oil, salt, sandstone and slate, for 1908, exceeded eight millions sterling. During the year the output of iron ore was 15,031,025 tons, value at £3,724,165. The ore yielded 4,847,448 tons or iron, or more than one-half of the total quantity of pig iron made in this country.

Tin is the only metal which shows an increase, whilst copper, gold, iron, lead, silver and zinc show a decrease in the production for 1908 as compared with the preceding year.

TRADES UNION MEETINGS.

Barbers	2nd and 4th Monday
Blacksmiths	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Boilermakers	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Boilermakers' Helpers	1st and 3rd Thurs.
Bookbinders	Quarterly
Bricklayers	2nd and 4th Monday
Bartenders	1st and 3rd Sunday
Cooks and Waiters	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Carpenters	Alternate Wednesdays
Cigarmakers	1st Friday
Electrical Workers	3rd Friday
Garment Workers	1st Monday
Laborers	1st and 3rd Friday
Leather Workers	4th Thursday
Longshoremen	Every Monday
Letter Carriers	4th Wednesday
Machinists	1st and 3rd Thursday
Moulders	2nd Wednesday
Musicians	3rd Sunday
Painters	1st and 3rd Monday
Plumbers	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Printing Pressmen	2nd Monday
Shipwrights	2nd and 4th Thursday
Steam Fitters	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Stonecutters	2nd Thursday
Street Railway Employees	1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Stereotypers	Monthly
Tailors	1st Monday
T. & L. Council	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Typographical	Last Sunday

MOTORING DISTANCES.

The following shows the distances from Victoria of different points on Vancouver Island:

	Miles
Alberni	113
Colwood	8
Cowichan	36
Cremainus	52
Duncan	40
Goldstream	11
Ladysmith	58
Nanaimo	73
Shawnigan	27

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Empress of Ireland	Fri., Feb. 25th
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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section (160 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Purchased homesteads may be acquired on any available lands on either odd or even numbered Sections south of Township 45, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the west line of Range 26, and west of the third Meridian and the Sault Railway line. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1.00 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet. Fee, $5.00. At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When $500 has been expended or paid and other requirements complied with the claim may be purchased at $1.00 an acre.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally, 100 feet square. Entry fee, $5.00.

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W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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LOCAL MARKETS

Oils—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.65
Eocene	1.75
Meats—	
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	25
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	27
Hams (American), per lb.	25
Bacon (American), per lb.	30@ 35
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	20
Beef, per lb.	8@ 18
Pork, per lb.	12½@ 15
Mutton, per lb.	12½@ 20
Lamb, hindquarter	1.50@ 2.00
Lamb, forequarter	1.25@ 1.75
Veal, per lb.	12@ 20
Suet, per lb.	15
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	70
Butter (Creamery)	45
Lard, per lb.	20
Western Canada Flour Mills—	
Purity, per sack	2.00
Purity, per bbl.	7.75
Three Star Patent, per sack	1.95
Three Star Patent, per bbl.	7.75
Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	2.00
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	7.75
Lake of Woods, per sack	2.00
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	7.75
Okanagan, per sack	2.00
Okanagan, per bbl.	7.75
Calgary Hungarian, per sack	2.00
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	7.75
Excelsior, per sack	2.00
Excelsior, per bbl	7.75
Oak Lake, per sack	2.00
Oak Lake, per bbl.	7.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack	2.00
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	7.75
Enderby, per sack	2.00
Enderby, per bbl.	7.75
Pastry Flours—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.85
Snowflake, per bbl.	7.25
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.70
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	6.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.70
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	6.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.70
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	6.50
Grain—	
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	35.00@40.00
Wheat, per lb.	2½
Barley	33.00
Whole Corn	38.00
Cracked Corn	40.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 5-lb. sk.	40
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk.	1.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.	1.90
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 80-lb. sk.	4.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack	50
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack	2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs.	65
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.	55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	12½@ 35
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.	45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	45
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.75
Feed—	
Hay (baled), new, per ton	20.00@25.00
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	32.00
Bran, per ton	30.00
Ground Feed, per ton	35.00
Shorts	32.00
Poultry—	
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	25@ 30
Ducks, per lb.	25
Geese (Island), per lb.	20@ 25
Garden Produce—	
Cabbage, per lb.	3
Potatoes (local)	1.00
Onions, per lb.	3
Carrots, per lb.	3

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Lemons	5.00@ 6.50
Walnuts (Cal.)	19@ 20
Walnuts (Eastern)	15
Cocoanuts, each	10
Ham	20
Bacon	23
Carrots, per lb.	2
Bananas, per lb.	5
Potatoes (local), per ton	15.00@20.00
Butter (Creamery)	30@ 40
Butter (Dairy)	33
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	65
Oats, per ton	27.00
Hay, per ton	19.00@20.00
Corn, per ton	38.00
Grape Fruit	4.50
Tomatoes (local), hothouse	2.00
Watercress, per doz.	1.00
Green Onions, per doz.	25
Radish, per doz.	30
Cauliflowers, per doz.	1.75
Onions (silver skins)	2
Onions (local), per lb.	1½
Valencia Oranges	4.50
Navel Oranges	3.50
Nutmeg Melons, per crate	4.00@ 5.00
Pears (local)	1.50@ 2.00
Egg Plants, per lb.	12½
Apples, per box	2.00@ 2.50
Cranberries (New Jersey), bbl.	11.00
Cranberries (local), per bbl.	9.00
Garlic, per lb.	10
Celery	90
Figs (Cal.), per package	1.00.. 1.75
Figs (Smyrna), boxes	1.00@ 2.00
Figs (Smyrna), per doz. baskets	1.25
Artichokes (Cal.)	1.00
Persimmons, per box	2.00
Malaga Raisins, 22 lbs.	3.00
Oranges (Tangerine), per box	2.50
Pineapples, per doz.	4.00
Jap. Oranges, per box	65

LOCAL STOCKS

(By Courtesy N. B. Maysmith & Co.)
(Private Exchange.)

	Bid.	Asked.
American Canadian Oil	.09	.10½
B. C. Amalgamated Coal	....	.02½
B. C. Permanent Loan	120.00	132.00
B. C. Pulp & Paper	.75	....
B. C. Refining Co.	1.00	....
B. C. Coper	6.75	7.25
Bakeries, Ltd.	6.25	7.25
Canadian Northwest Oil	.14	.19
Diamond Coal	.66½	.72½
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron	.07	.13
Great West Permanent	113.00	119.50
International Coal & Coke	.82	.86
McGillivray Creek Coal	....	.29½
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	58.00	68.00
Northern Bank Certificates	88.00	....
Crown Certificates	....	98.00
Northern Oil	....	.06½
Pacific Loan	33.00	....
Pacific Whaling (pref.)	62.00	....
Portland Canal Mining	.18½	.22
Rambler Cariboo	....	.10
Royal Collieries	.23½	.24
South African Scrip	620.00	....
Silica Brick	....	1.25
Stewart M. & D. Co.	2.10	....
Victoria Transfer Co.	....	50.00
Western Coal & Coke	1.70	2.40
Capital Furniture	....	5.00
Pingree Mines	....	.06

Vancouver Stock Exchange

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Vancouver, Dec. 13.

Listed Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Canadian Oil	5	9
Alberta Coal & Coke	4	4½
International Coal & Coke	78	83
Lucky Jim Zinc Mines	47	52
Portland Canal Mining	21½	22
Stewart M. & D. Co.	222	230
Western Coal & Coke	190	220
Burton Saw Works	90	110
Great West Permanent	112	116
Unlisted Stocks.		
B. C. Permanent Loan	130	130
B. C. Trust Corporation	95	105
Dominion Trust Co.	102	105
Northern Crown Bank—		
Crown Certificates	88	94
Northern Certificates	94	..
Pacific Whaling, pref.	60	..
American Canadian Oil	9½	10½
B. C. Copper Co.	7½	8
Canadian Con. S. & R.	72	84
Canadian Northwest Oil	..	22
Cariboo Camp McKinney	..	1
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron	9	10
Granby	100	..
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	65	72
Rambler Cariboo	8½	11
Royal Collieries	24	26
S. A. Scrip	650	..

BUYING BY BULLS SENDS WHEAT UP

Concerted Movements in the Chicago Pit Causes Excitement.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A concerted bull buying movement to-day furnished considerable excitement in the wheat pit. May wheat gained a point and a half under the heavy buying, finally sticking at 110½. December wheat sold at $1.11½.

Corn reached 67c., but dropped back to 66½c.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 13.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	111½	113¼	110¾	112½
May	109½	111½	109¼	111½
July	99¾	100½	99¾	100¾
Corn—				
Dec.	62½	64½	61¾	64½
May	66¾	67	65½	67
July	65¾	66¾	65¼	66¾
Oats—				
Dec.	43½	44¾	44	44¾
May	45½	45¾	45	45¾
July	42½	43	42½	43
Pork—				
Jan.	21.75	22.35	21.75	22.32
May	21.50	21.97	21.30	21.97
Lard—				
Jan.	12.75	13.05	12.80	13.05
May	11.92	12.07	11.92	12.05
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	11.87	12.00	11.70	11.97
May	11.70	11.77	11.50	11.52

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DENATURED ALCOHOL AS ENGINE FUEL

United States Government Issues Interesting Bulletin on the Subject.

A gallon of denatured alcohol can be made to do the same amount of work in an engine as a gallon of gasoline; moreover, the alcohol does not produce smoke and is less liable to yield obnoxious odors, but the lower price of gasoline makes it the cheaper fuel. These conclusions, based on the results of 2,000 comparative tests of the two substances as engine fuels, are given in a Bulletin of the United States Geological Survey. R. M. Strong, the author of the bulletin, briefly describes the tests but discusses the more important results at some length. The tests formed part of the investigation of fuels now being carried on by the survey. To determine the relative efficiency and economy of gasoline it was compared with denatured alcohol. In this comparison not only the heating values of the two fuels of variations in fuel quality and in the principal operating conditions—such as load, fuel supply and time of ignition—were carefully studied. Tests were made with gasoline and alcohol in the same engine and repeated in other engines of approximately the same size (ten and fifteen horsepower) and the same piston speed, with different degrees of comparison, different methods of governing and different combustion.

Mr. Strong states that almost any engine with a well-designed carburetor will run as well with alcohol as with gasoline, except for a difference in ease of starting and in certainty of operation at low speeds. By using alcohol in an alcohol engine with a high degree of compression the fuel-consumption rate in gallons per horsepower hour can be made practically the same as for gasoline in a gasoline engine of the same size and speed. An alcohol engine with the maximum compression for alcohol will have 30 per cent. more available horsepower than a gasoline engine of the same size, stroke and speed, and the weight per horsepower may be less. Tests with mixtures of gasoline or alcohol alone. Diluting gasoline with water did not affect fuel economy. With alcohol the case was different, but with dilutions up to 80 per cent. alcohol the effect was so slight that 80 per cent. alcohol is a cheaper fuel than 90 per cent. if it can be had for 15 per cent less.

In regard to general cleanliness, such as absence of smoke and disagreeable odor, Mr. Strong says that alcohol has many advantages over gasoline or kerosene as a rule. The exhaust from an alcohol engine is never clouded with black or grayish smoke, as is the exhaust of a gasoline or kerosene engine when the combustion of the fuel is incomplete, and it is seldom, if ever, clouded with bluish smoke when a cylinder oil of too low a fire test is used or an excessive amount supplied. The odor of denatured alcohol and the exhaust gases from an alcohol engine are also not likely to be as obnoxious as the odor of gasoline and its products of combustion.

INVENTION WHICH IS NOW WORTH MILLIONS

Celebration in London of Coming of Age of Pneumatic Tyre.

To celebrate the "majority" of the pneumatic type, a banquet, organized by a committee of manufacturers and those interested in the trade, was held at the Hotel Cecil, London, recently, which was attended by about 500 of those most prominent in the tyre, cycle and motor trades. Representatives also attended from France, Germany, Holland and other continental countries.

Prince Francis of Teck (chairman of the Royal Automobile club) presided, and near him sat J. B. Dunlop, who invented the pneumatic tyre 21 years ago. The invention was developed by Harvey Du Cros, who brought the tyre before the commercial world, and who was the recipient of a casket in recognition of his "keen insight, sound judgment and untiring energy" towards making the tyre a success.

A. J. Walter, K. C., proposed "The Pneumatic Tyre Industry," and after pointing out that it had crushed no other industries, he outlined the part played by Mr. Du Cros in establishing it on a commercial basis. He also read an address signed by 859 people from different parts of the world, which stated that they firmly believed that in fostering the infancy of the pneumatic tyre Mr. Du Cros had largely contributed to the rapid growth of the cycle and motor industry, greatly assisted allied trades and added largely to the sources of our national wealth and the wealth of other nations. The address and gold casket were presented to Mr. Du Cros.

Chevalier Rene de Knyff then announced, amid loud cheers, that, subject to the consent of the king, the French government had decided to confer upon Mr. Du Cros the Order of the Legion of Honor.

Mr. Du Cros, in acknowledging the gift, said he must plead guilty to the mortal sin of pride when he looked round at the constitution of the company. It comprised sportsmen, the governing bodies of sport, and representatives of "those fascinating industries in which my life has been passed." There were assembled foreign neighbors and friends bearing generous and chivalrous testimony that this country had contributed an indispensable factor to the sum of achievements represented in the homely bicycle and the magnificent motor car. The speaker paid a tribute to the foundation work of Mr. Dunlop and others who had been associated with the pioneer work of introducing the pneumatic tyre. In his opinion they would never improve upon Mr. Dunlop's principle of putting compressed air into harness—fixing a pneumatic tyre on a wheel.

IMPROVING BRITISH BARLEY.

Professor R. Biffen, at a meeting of the Cambridge and Isle of Ely chamber of agriculture, said that in the effort to improve British barley 250 distinct types had been experimented with by the University agricultural department. These barleys had come from all over the world—Japan, China, Thibet, Australia, California, etc.

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By Order of the Board.
W. T. ALEXANDER,
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ACCIDENT AVERTED BY A NARROW MARGIN

Prompt Action Saves E. & N. Train From Possible Wreck.

What might have proved a serious accident to the down train on the E. & N. last evening was averted by the prompt action of a party of hunters from Victoria. The latter happened along in the vicinity of the Cowichan station, where a filling had recently been repaired, and discovered that the rains of Saturday night and Sunday had again undermined the tracks at that point. A freight train had recently passed over the section without difficulty, but it was apparent that continued sinking in the filling had rendered it dangerous for the passenger train to attempt the crossing, as some of the rails were being undermined by the water. Steps were at once taken to flag the approaching train, when the crew of the latter secured some old ties and made the crosing safe.

In connection with the repairs along the line of the E. & N. as a consequence of the recent severe floods, it is announced that work will be resumed in the Extension mines to-morrow or next day, the bridge over Haslam creek, which had been washed out, having been replaced. This will allow of the transportation of coal from Extension to Ladysmith and prove a welcome announcement to fuel dealers in this city who have had to get shipments by water for the past two weeks.

LOSES JEWELRY WORTH $300,000

Woman Returns Home to Find Collection of Gems Had Been Stolen.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 13.—A large force of private detectives to-day are working to solve the mystery of a $300,000 jewel robbery, the largest of its kind that has occurred here in many years, reported yesterday. The jewelry was stolen on Saturday from the apartments of Mrs. John W. Meckins, formerly of Chicago, who since reaching New York, has resided on the eighth floor of the Hotel Lorraine.

Mrs. Jenkins told the police that she left the hotel shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When she returned at 5:30 she found the rooms in disorder. Her collection of diamonds and other jewelry, which had been a black leather purse in her dresser, were gone. It is thought that the thieves gained entrance by means of a false key. None of the hotel employees had seen any strangers in that part of the hotel.

MAYOR OF LETHBRIDGE DEAD.

William Henderson, Pioneer of the District, Passes Away.

(Special to the Times.)

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 13.—William Henderson, mayor of Lethbridge for the past two years, died last night, after several weeks' illness. He was a pioneer of the district, coming here as contractor ahead of the railroad, and had a distinguished civic service. He leaves a widow and five children.

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Local News

—Five Saturday night drunks paid fines in the police court this morning. All pleaded guilty and all were first offenders.

—J. W. Creighton of this city has received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Isaac, at Boston, Mass. The death occurred on November 20th.

—The weekly practice of the male choir will be discontinued from now until the new year, when they will be resumed on every Thursday evening, instead of Tuesday evening as previously.

—An examination was begun at the court house this morning by the examiners of the Law Society of British Columbia. There are thirty-three students writing, the largest number in the history of the province.

—A meeting of the Women's Guild of St. James' church will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Dickenson, Moss street. All members are requested to be present, as business of importance is to be discussed.

—Permission has been given by Superintendent Paul to those in charge of selling the Anti-Tuberculosis Society's souvenir Christmas stamps to have these sold in the public school. The teachers have consented to undertake the selling of them to the pupils.

—This evening a meeting of the Natural History Society will be held in the Carnegie library rooms. A paper on "The Spanish Occupation of Vancouver Island" will be given by Capt. J. T. Walbran. All members are invited to be present.

—W. E. Oliver is holding a meeting in Spring Ridge to-night, when he will lay his platform before the electors of that part of the city. The meeting will be held in the Fernwood Young Men's hall, on Gladstone avenue, just before reaching the car terminus.

—On Sunday, December 25th, a grand symphony sacred concert will be given by Professor Ernest Claudio in the New Grand theatre. He will be assisted by an orchestra of over 27 pieces. An excellent programme is being prepared and it is expected that this concert will draw a full house.

—The newly formed Douglas Street Improvement Society, which was to have held a band concert on that thoroughfare on Saturday evening, decided at a meeting held in the afternoon that the postponement of the concert was advisable owing to the inclemency of the weather. This concert will be held on Saturday evening next, provided the weather is suitable, and a second one will be given on Christmas eve.

—The funeral of the late James Hocking took place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence, 577 Toronto street, where Rev. A. N. Miller conducted an impressive service. The hymns, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Rock of Ages" were sung. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: T. Carnow, C. Pearson, J. Curnow, A. Truran, W. Matthew and J. Nightingale.

—The secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League is writing to the various branches, suggesting the holding of a general meeting at an early date. Mr. McGaffey is asking the opinion of the branches as to the most convenient place for the meeting, and on their choice the executive will act and make arrangements for the meeting. The last general meeting was held at Nanaimo, and it is not unlikely that it will again be chosen on account of its central situation.

—The remains of the late Charles F. Butler were interred in St. Stephen's church yard, South Saanich, on Saturday afternoon. Services were conducted in the church by Rev. J. W. Flinton, while the hymn "On the Resurrection Morn" was sung. Numerous floral offerings were presented and many sympathizing friends attended. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Isaac Hagan, R. B. Thomson, F. L. Thomson, J. Thomson and W. F. Pitzer.

—The funeral of the late William T. Clunk took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted an impressive service. The hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was sung, and the Dead March in Saul was played by F. Giles. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral offerings were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: A. Semple, F. N. Shakespeare, W. Sommerville, T. Farron, C. H. Miner and C. W. Kirk.

—Interment took place in Holy Trinity cemetery, North Saanich, on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Johan McDonald. The funeral took place at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence in that district, where services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Wood. The cortege then proceeded to Holy Trinity church, where Rev. Dr. Reid held a service. The attendance of friends was large and many floral tributes were presented. The pallbearers were as follows: J. W. Brethour, J. Critchley, C. Morse, J. J. Downey, C. Imrie and T. Smith.

—Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, the senior member of the militia in Victoria, makes a suggestion in regard to a new drill hall which, if adopted, would meet the plans of the local government for the acquisition of Parliament Square and at the same time do away with an eyesore on one of the city's leading streets. He suggests that the city give the Dominion government a site in the centre of the gore on Pandora avenue, east of Cook street, for a new drill hall. There would be room for a handsome building and for a parade ground as well, and this would be a decided improvement to that part of the city and remove what has always been an unsightly spot. The parks superintendent a year ago made plans for laying out a small park in this gore but his suggestion died a natural death and will probably never be carried out now that the parks board is passing out of existence.

—The regular meeting of Victoria Hive No. 1, L. O. T. M., will take place to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in room 2, A. O. U. W. hall. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted. The officers for the ensuing year are to elected.

—The selectors of grand and petit jurors for the coming year will meet in the office of the registrar of the Supreme Court on Monday next. They are three in number, the Supreme Court registrar, the provincial assessor and a justice of the peace to be named by the government.

—The annual speech day and prize giving in connection with the University school will be held on Friday afternoon next, December 17th, commencing at 8 o'clock. The various prizes won by members of the school during the summer will be presented to the winners. Special cars will be run from the Royal Jubilee hospital to the school grounds.

NORTH WARD CLUB DANCE ON TUESDAY

A. O. U. W. Hall Being Prepared for Mid-Winter Affair.

The mid-winter dance of the North Ward Athletic Club takes place to-morrow night at the A. O. U. W. hall, and the club committee in charge of the affair claims that this dance will be well up to the high standard set by the club in its dances in the past.

The music will be provided by Miss Heater's four-piece orchestra. The decorating is in the hands of F. Sweeny and C. Phipps, and the hall will be colored in the blue and white of the club. The committee have a squad of assistants at work to-day turning the hall into readiness for the dance to-morrow night. The club trophies and athletic pennants, etc., will be on display, and photographs of some of the club's winning teams in the different lines of sport.

A. Baines has charge of the refreshments as formerly. The floor committee is H. McConnell, C. Cousins, W. Hillier, W. Malcolm, B. Johnston and W. Blake.

ANOTHER PIONEER DIES THIS MORNING

Mrs. Kate Wallace Passes Away at the Ripe Age of 91 Years.

Death this morning removed another pioneer resident of the city in the person of Mrs. Kate Wallace, who lived in Victoria for the past forty years. Deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 91 years, was relict of the late Capt. Marshall Wallace, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and lived at 1116 Fort street.

The late Mrs. Wallace enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends amongst the families of the pioneers of Victoria, and despite her great age she maintained until the last an active interest in affairs, and the news of her death will be very widely regretted.

Deceased came of a family remarkable for its longevity, her sister, Mrs. Jones, mother of R. Jones, of the inland revenue department, having recently passed away at the age of ninety-five years. Mrs. Wallace was a sister of the late Capt. Raymur, and grandchildren are Miss Frances Drake and Mrs. Muspratt-Williams, now living in England, and Cecil T. Drake. Mrs. Muspratt-Williams, it will be recalled, formerly lived with her husband, Major Muspratt-Williams, at Work Point barracks, afterwards removing to the Old Country.

The funeral has been arranged to take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence, and at 2.30 from Christ Church catahedral.

REALTY ACTIVE.

Vancouver Men Buying and New Offices Opened Here.

Real estate deals aggregating several hundreds of thousands of dollars have been put through during the last few days. Most of the properties have been central, but there is also some business done outside. The general opinion is that the next week will see the interest spread to residential properties.

An interesting feature of the situation is the fact that many of the Vancouver buyers have now turned their attention to Victoria. A number of new realty firms have opened offices here within the last week, and the prospects are that buying will be brisk for some time.

Among the deals made is for the old McQuade home, at the corner of Douglas and Humboldt. This is said to have been purchased by a local man for $45,000.

THREE YEARS FOR BIGAMY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—William Catchpole, who left his wife in Ipswich, England, some years ago, coming to Winnipeg, and marrying a Galician girl, was sentenced for bigamy to three years in prison.

SHOT WHILE HUNTING.

(Special to the Times.)

Coehill, Ont., Dec. 13.—William Dean, of Faraday, while hunting, was instantly killed by another man who fired at Dean's dog, thinking it was a deer.

NINE MEN SUFFOCATED.

Naples, Dec. 13.—Nine workmen were suffocated to death when working in a compressed air compartment in the harbor to-day. Three others were rescued.

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Couches
Steins
Corkscrews
Manicure Sets
Liquer Sets
Electric Lamps
Students' Lamps
Photo Frames
Writing Sets
Stationery Holders
Book Racks
Ink Stands
Tie Racks
Cut Glass Decanters
Fireplace Furniture
Cellarettes
Magazine Stands

Solve the Problem From This List

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Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Two large freighters are aground in Lake St. Clair, off Grosse Pointe light. Their names are not known.

Immediately upon the receipt of news of their predicament, a tug was dispatched to move the vessels from their perilous positions. The tug is reported to have gone aground at the same point.

PLEADS GUILTY.

Clerk Will Be Sentenced at Winnipeg for Robbing the Mails.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—In the police court this morning, H. V. Rowe, mail clerk, accused of robbing the mails at Leary's Siding on November 1st, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced on Saturday. A thousand dollars in Bank of Montreal bills, the last of the missing money, was found hidden on his homestead.

The accumulation of sticks and rubbish carried into the belfry by jackdaws, which was ignited by some sparks from a stovepipe, caused a fire at Sempringham church, Eng., during Sunday morning service, but it was quickly extinguished.

SIR ROBERT PERKS OUT.

Will Not Again Be a Candidate for British House.

Sir Robert Perks, Liberal M. P. for Louth since 182, solicitor, contractor and railway director, the most prominent layman in the Wesleyan body, has announced to his constituents that he will not stand again for election, mainly on account of the budget and the cabinet treatment of Nonconformity. He wrote:

"After twenty-three years' political work in the Louth division, during which I have fought and won four elections, I feel that I may now fairly claim to give myself a brief political holiday.

"Unfortunately, the pledges given to us (Nonconformists) on the eve of the last election have not been fulfilled. An education bill was offered us which we did not ask for and did not want. Disestablishment faithfully promised, has not even been attempted.

"So far as I can judge, Nonconformity will receive in the next parliament, even if the Liberal party is returned to power, as little consideration as it has received in the parliament now expiring. If the Liberal government will not stand by their Nonconformist supporters, they cannot expect the Nonconformists to stand by them.

"A further reason for my decision is that I do not approve some of the recent financial proposals of the government; and, as you are aware, I did not therefore vote for the finance bill.

"Still less do I approve the policy foreshadowed in recent speeches made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the President of the Board of Trade. The experiments in Socialism advocated in those speeches will, I am convinced, prove disastrous to the trade and credit of the country, and most seriously affect industrial progress and employment.

"My constituents will, I feel sure, not expect me to vote for measures which are condemned by the greatest financial and commercial authorities in the country, and which, personally, I believe to be wrong."

REMAINS OF GIANT RACE.

Interesting Find in a Mound on the Lake of the Woods.

An interesting find of pottery and old flint utensils was made recently at a point a hundred yards below Whitefish Rapids, on the Lake of the Woods, by Stanley McLeod, of Keewatin. The relics were discovered in a big mound sixty feet long by thirty feet wide and about three feet high, which was opened by McLeod, the interior disclosing a number of flint utensils, including knives, hatchet heads and spear heads, as well as a number of earthenware vessels and samples of old pottery. Several specimens of the pottery and flint work found in the mound were collected and brought back by the finder. Some of the relics show exceedingly high-class workmanship, the samples of pottery being especially fine.

Dr. Baker, of Keewatin, made a visit to the newly opened up mound and brought back with him, amongst a promiscuous array of other relics, a quantity of bones, which, judging by their size, must have belonged to a race of giants. A pipe made out of pipe clay was also discovered by him, as well as a number of highly-fashioned flint instruments.

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PEN PICTURES OF PUBLICISTS

BRITISH IMPRESSIONS OF A NEWSPAPERMAN

What An Ontario Writer Saw of Leading Figures in the Old World.

In a paper read a few days ago before the Baconian Club in London, Ont., by a member of the Advertiser editorial staff who attended the Imperial Press Conference last summer, he thus sums up his impressions of the public men of the Old Land:

Mr. Balfour is perhaps the most brilliant ornament of the House of Commons. A few words of personal description. He is very tall and somewhat loosely articulated. In Mr. Winston Churchill's biography of Lord Randolph Churchill it is related that Mr. Balfour, even when he first entered the House of Commons, claimed a front seat, so that he would have room to stretch his legs. One appreciates his choice, after seeing him in his habitual attitude. He does not sit—he reclines—and seems in imminent danger of sliding off the bench, the greater part of his anatomy projecting beyond it. As such he is the picture of otiosity; apparently indifferent to anything and everybody; as though the House were the Castle of Indolence. He has the face of the student, one might say the dreamer; a noble brow; large, full eyes which have a curiously abstracted look when he is speaking, the effect, no doubt, of intense concentration of thought; and a certain sweetness and benignity of expression which denote the real kindliness of his character and explain the affection he inspires in his fellow-Commoners of all parties. Those of us who met him personally can testify that never was the rite of the glad hand more graciously exemplified.

I heard him speak four times, in and out of the House, in formal addresses and in the thrust-and-parry of debate. His voice is powerful and sonorous and his enunciation a delight. "What a relief!" I heard a man in the gallery of the House exclaim, when Mr. Balfour followed a number of speakers who had been heard with difficulty. In one address only did he refer to notes, and these were contained in a half sheet of paper, an area upon which he once boasted he could write a complete definition of the tariff policy of his party. He may have had the framework of all his speeches in his mind before he delivered them, but it is not likely he had memorized the phraseology. In fact he seems to improvise on his feet. His sentences are long; the construction of them is involved, almost slovely; he appears to grope from one phrase to another, and sometimes the hearer fears, though needlessly, for his syntax. But it is a highly individual and literary style, marked by the choice of the perfect word.

Mr. Balfour once complained that the House of Commons did not sufficiently distend his mind. There is something in his speeches that suggests an exhibition of mental gymnastics. You get the impression of a nimble intelligence practicing upon a subject for the sake of exercise; connecting some concrete question with principles and theories, and converting it into the abstract, so that the intellect may stretch its wings and soar into high planes of thought. It is his passion for dialects and metaphysics. It leads him sometimes into irrelevancies, but there is a philosophical background to his utterances which make them an intellectual treat and open wide vistas. His delivery is not fluent; in this country he would not be called a good stump-speaker. Parliament is almost dominated by what is called the Arthur Balfour manner. It is cool, unhurried, well-bred and restrained. It may be great speaking, but it is not oratory, which must have a touch of feeling.

The Prime Minister.

Mr. Asquith is the most potential-looking man in the House of Commons. His thick mat of silver hair, rolling back from a broad forehead, and his florid complexion, give him a picturesque appearance. The features are strong and aggressive; it is the face of a man sure of himself. He possess in an exceptional degree the gift of lucid exposition. It is the faculty of a clear thinker. He has a supremely logical mind; he is called a logic machine. His speeches are models of closely-knit reasoning; they are addressed to the intellect, not the emotions. The form is in keeping with the substance. He is never rhetorical and seldom metaphorical, but if he indulges in no flights of imagination he at least keeps his feet on solid ground. There is an exquisite precision of phrasing, a clear-cut use of language, that denote the scholar as well as the logician.

I was agreeably surprised by his fluency. I heard him reply to Mr. Balfour, and wind up a debate on one of the land clauses of the budget. The styles of the two men were in sharp contrast: Mr. Balfour's diffuse and parenthetical; Mr. Asquith's direct and entirely free from verbiage. Mr. Asquith's reply was a wonderful performance. There was little time for preparation; he took notes while Mr. Balfour was speaking and answered the latter's points one by one, concluding with a few vivid sentences, which were a marvellous condensation of his own arguments.

Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George, whose admirers describe him as the most vivid and virile political talent in the Liberal party, and who is certainly the most-talked-of politician in the British Empire just now, is a man somewhat below the middle height—he is called the little Welshman—but he has a well-knit frame and a fine head. His most distinctive features are his eyes—dark, quick-glancing and blazing with Celtic fire. He gives an impression of high-strung nervous energy. Perhaps his Celtic temperament explains why his oratory is not of the English type. It is suffused by a glow of emotion which most English speakers are incapable of, or suppress with characteristic English dislike of any show of feeling. Yet Celt as he is there is no other man in British public life who uses so effectively the "sabre strokes of Saxon speech."

He is a master of the short sentence; his language is simple and straight-flung and he is unsurpassed in the knack of driving home his arguments by homely illustration. No doubt he owes this faculty in a large measure to circumstances. He is self-taught and self-made. If his speech has not the polish and nicety which might have been stamped upon it by the classical training which the majority of British public men undergo, it has gained in pithiness and pungency in the hard school of experience and by contact with the common people. He has lived their life, he knows them through and through, and he speaks their language. No man in England can more surely strike a popular audience between wind and water.

Winston Churchill.

Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George have the reputation of being the best stump-speakers in the ministerial party. Like Mr. Lloyd George Mr. Churchill inspires unbounded admiration and thorough-going aversion. Perhaps some of you heard him lecture in this city eight years ago. The impression he left was that of a bumptious, though undeniably clever young man, with an amazing stock of self-assurance. These recollections and his subsequent renown as a platform gladiator prepared me for a fiery and impetuous style of oratory, but nothing could have been more measured and sedate than his address to the press conference.

I was told by English journalists that Mr. Churchill has greatly mellowed in recent years, and that he is becoming more and more the conscious literary artist in his public deliverances, which are now printed verbatim by the metropolitan dailies—a sign that he has "arrived." Sir Gilbert Parker told me that he considered Mr. Churchill the most brilliant man in the Liberal party. Unquestionably his oratory bears the stamp of genius, and has more of the permanent qualities of literature than that of any other contemporary British statesmen, excepting perhaps, Lord Rosebery. He may have reached these heights, however, at some loss of immediate effect.

Sir Edward Grey.

Sir Edward Grey is the most fascinating enigma of British politics. His boyish face contrasts with the gravity and dignity of his manner, and the high seriousness which never forsakes him. He is the one member of the government whom its opponents spare. They pass down the gallery of Liberal notables until they come to his figure, when they stop, bow respectfully, and claim him as one of themselves. He has in a high degree the quality of one of his great predecessors in the foreign office—the late Lord Salisbury—the quality of detachment. He seldom appears in the House and then only when some matter relating to his department is to be discussed. He is known to have only one passion—angling. He has written a classic on this subject, and all the time he can spare from his public duties is spent at his country villa, where he has a fishing preserve.

This silent, inscrutable man, however, is one of the most powerful influences in the United Kingdom. He has the indefinable quality of magnetism, yet he practices none of the arts of popularity. No one can hear him without feeling his spell. His delivery is cool, deliberate, but unhesitating; when he speaks he scarcely moves a muscle of his face. You feel that every word is weighed—a discretion which a foreign secretary needs above others. It is an immensely impressive manner and the touch of austerity and aloofness heightens the suggestion of latent strength.

John Morley.

We had a notable address from Lord Morley on the relations of journalism and literature. He is now 72 years of age, and his voice failed to fill the hall in the foreign office, the acoustics of which were not of the best. There were signs of physical frailty; it is said the terrible burden of India has aged him rapidly. I am sorry I have not a report of his speech so that I might quote a few lines of the brilliant passages. It was the offering of a philosopher, a wit and a scholar, and in harmony with a career governed by moral idealism and unflinching adherence to principle. Like Mr. Churchill's address, it was a veiled protest against the pro-occupation of the press conference with military and naval subjects. He argued that Shakespeare and Burns and others who had glorified the English tongue had done more to unite the British people and solidify the Empire than the greatest captains and soldiers of the race.

Augustine Birrell.

Augustine Birrell favored us with two addresses that were a sheer delight, as might be expected from the author of Obiter Dicta. He was not only the wittiest, but the easiest speaker we heard. His style was plainly not formed in the House of Commons. Nothing could have appeared more natural and spontaneous; if it was not artless it was at least the art that conceals art. His language flowed like a fountain and while his subject-matter was serious and thoughtful, it was irradiated by flashes of humor.

Recently he prefaced a speech in the House of Commons by promising to be as dull as possible—a shaft aimed at those who accused him of flippancy; but he could be dull only by heroic self-repression. "Birrelling," as it is called, is one of the refreshments of Parliament, and no man can more promptly fill the House of Commons. If he is not a great orator he is a great speaker. Nature has been kind to him; he has a handsome presence and a resonant voice.

Mr. Haldane.

If Mr. Birrell is a fountain of eloquence Mr. Haldane is a torrent. He is the terror of the members of the fourth estate. One would say that here, too, is a style formed outside the House of Commons. Like Mr. Birrell he was an eminent lawyer before he entered politics. He had some renown also as an exponent of the Hegelian philosophy and as a German scholar. His address was an argument for the co-ordination of the land forces of the Empire. There was nothing in it of special distinction except his mastery of a subject foreign to his education and habits of thought, and one which he had no occasion to study till a few years ago, at a time of life when few men care to cultivate new interests. It argues remarkable flexibility of intellect and shows that a philosopher may be a man of action at the same time.

Lord Curzon.

Another interesting personality who favored us was Lord Curzon. His speech at the Constitutional Club dinner was the occasion of an amusing contre-temps. Mr. Maitland Park, of the Cape Town Times, had been chosen to propose the toast of the pro-Consuls of the Empire, coupled with Lord Curzon's name. He began by remarking that it was a piquant coincidence, because while in London he had incurred Lord Curzon's displeasure through some criticism of his policy as viceroy. Lord Curzon, he went on to say, had made it so uncomfortable for him that he had left India, much to his personal advantage; and he now took occasion to thank Lord Curzon for doing him a good turn.

Mr. Parke endeavored to take the sting out of the allusion by some jocularity, but Lord Curzon would not be smoothed down. He referred sarcastically to what he termed Mr. Parke's cautious eulogy of himself, and there was a sub-acid flavor to his whole reply. Mr. Macdonald, of the Globe, has touched on this episode in the Canadian Magazine, and describes it as a clue to Lord Curzon's troubles in India. His speech was extremely clever, and marked by a precision and finish which are characteristic of all his utterances. There was an autocratic note in it, a touch of belligerency, that were also characteristic, if reports are true. It was easy to understand that there was not room in India for Kitchener and Curzon at the same time.

The Labor Members.

A score of Labor members spoke at a Hyde Park demonstration in favor of the budget. The speeches were uniformly good. Not one of them was dull or stodgy or abusive. It was capital "open air oratory." Keir Hardie I heard on several occasions. He always handled his subject fluently and well, and gave evidence of wide reading on social and economic lines. Arthur Henderson, Ramsay Macdonald and Phillip Snowden, of the Independent Labor party, are among the most scholarly men and brightest speakers in the House of Commons.

"Tay Pay."

The only Irish member I had the good fortune to hear was T. P. O'Connor, a host in himself. He speaks as well as he writes—apparently without effort, and with a fine rhetorical swing.

"Tay Pay," as he is familiarly called, had a somewhat thankless task, but he made the best of it. The Irish party was opposing one—only one—feature of the budget—the increased whisky taxes. So far as I can recollect, Tay Pay's argument ran as follows: "We Irish are ridiculed and censured for opposing only the taxes on whisky. Why shouldn't we oppose them? The whisky industry is the only industry that English jealousy has left to poor old Ireland—and now you're trying to kill that!"

The Suffragettes.

If you will permit, I shall digress a little to refer to the suffragettes. I saw fifteen of these aggressive ladies bundled out of a meeting addressed by Lloyd George and T. P. O'Connor, but more interesting still I heard some of their leaders speak at Hyde Park. A procession was organized in honor of a martyr just released from prison. It was headed by a maiden on horseback incased in a suit of armor, impersonating Joan of Arc. There was a fife and drum band of 40 young women in natty tunics and knee skirts. Thousands of women followed on foot or in motors and carriages, wearing the colors of the militant suffrage body. Incidentally I may say that all suffragettes are not old or ugly. There were large delegates of male sympathizers, who were exposed to a running fire of Cockney jests such as: "'Is wife made 'im come!" "I say, don't they look 'enpecked?" "It's the only way 'e'll get 'is supper!"

There were 200,000 people at the meeting addressed from seven platforms. The largest crowds were around those from which Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst were advertised to speak. I heard the first part of Mrs. Pankhurst's speech, and an hour later she was still spouting with unabated vigor. Miss Christabel is young, comely, with a melodious voice of great carrying power. She was never at a loss for a word or a retort. Dr. Johnson says that a woman preaching is like a dog standing on his hind legs; he does not do it well, but the wonder is that he does it at all. Christabel does it well; it was impossible not to admire her cleverness of tongue, her pluck, aplomb and ready wit. To a little knot of men who badgered her, she said suavely: "I ask your indulgence, gentlemen; I know this subject can't interest you because you are not old enough to vote." Again: "They complain of our extraordinary methods. Of course they do: we do all the clever things." It was not a reasoning or logical speech—perhaps she thought argument would be thrown away on such a crowd. Some of her assertions were grotesquely extravagant. The Czar, she said, was a gentleman compared with Mr. Asquith. But with all its blemishes it was a brilliant specimen of mob oratory. At the end she was pelted with questions, many of them comically serious. She handled her interrogators one by one, and answered them plausibly if not convincingly.

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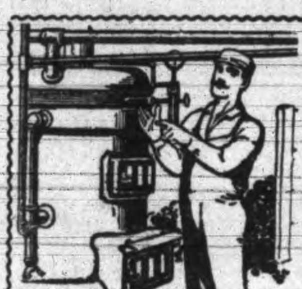

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NEW CANADIAN HYMN BOOK

IT WILL COME INTO USE AT CATHEDRAL

Vestry Meeting Decides Upon Introducing it—Other Churches in Line.

At a vestry meeting held in Christ Church cathedral school room last week, the vestry unanimously asked rector and churchwardens to introduce the use of the Canadian Hymn Book at the Cathedral as soon as convenient.

East and West thus join hands and voices in the book of common praise, being the hymn book of the Church of England in Canada.

Now that the book of common praise is being brought into general use in Canada (250,000 being sold in the first two weeks after publication), some details of the contents, extracted from an article by W. B. Carroll, of Gananoque, will be interesting. Hymn writing received an immense impetus in the last century, as by far the largest number of hymns included were composed by Anglicans, no less than ten per cent. being composed by bishops. At the same time Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Quakers, Plymouth Brethren and Unitarians have a place amongst its covers. There are also translations of Latin, Greek, French, Italian and German hymns. One advantage of this book is that instead of representing one phase of churchmanship, it fairly and reasonably represents all, and from its comprehensive character ought to be acceptable to all.

Among the many new hymns will be found three settings of "Hail, Festal Day" for three great festivals; a number of hymns from Stainer's "Crucifixion," and several beautiful hymns by Adelaide Proctor, to one of which, "The Shadows of the Evening Hours," a tune called "Napanee," by the late Archdeacon Jones, has been adapted. Other hymns sure to be favorites are: "Evensong is Hushed in Silence"; Bishop Doane's "Fling Out the Banner"; Bishop Philips Brooks', "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The Story of the Cross," "The Story of the Advent of Jesus," Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," Kipling's "Recessional" and his children's hymn, "Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All." Canon Welch is the author of two fine hymns, one for anniversaries and the other for wedding functions. Canon Scott, of Quebec, has also two, "We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus," for Holy Communion, and "Cast Thy Care on Jesus." Amongst others are hymns by Mrs. Mills (wife of the rector of St. James', Toronto), the late Dean Partridge, of Halifax, Rev. Robt. T. Millman, and the late Dean Bullock.

Amongst tunes by Canadian authors are seven by Dean Crawford, one of which, to Dean Millman's hymn, "Oh Help Us, Lord, Each Hour of Need," bears the name "Brockville." Another by the same composer, set to "Oh Jesus, Thou Art Standing," is called "Ottawa." Then there are five tunes by Canon Roberts of a high order. J. E. Jones, barrister, Toronto, has four tunes, one of which is set to Kipling's "Recessional." Another, called "Belleville," after his birthplace, is placed for a beautiful hymn, "Lord, for Tomorrow and Its Needs," written by a Roman Catholic nun of a well known family in England. Another fine tune by Mr. Jones is set to a rendering of the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is My Shepherd." Then for "Crossing the Bar," Lord Tennyson's last poem, two exquisite tunes have been written by Dr. Ham, of St. James' cathedral, Toronto. Possibly the finest of the three settings in the hymnal is one by Thomas Langdon, K. C., of Toronto. Other tunes of Canadians are by Canon Dyson Hague, Canon Davidson, of Guelph, Rev. Henry Plaisted, Lansing Lewis, of Montreal, George Hague of Kingston, J. H. Knight, Rev. Fred E. J. Lloyd, G. H. Loud, G. F. Blanchard, E. M. Williams and others.

Whilst provision has been made for the various seasons of the church's year and Saints' days, there will be found hymns for all special occasions—for lay helpers and teachers, for missions, for those that travel, for departing and absent friends and times of war and [illegible] thanksgiving, harvest, national occasions, the church, dedications, restorations, anniversary services, for friendly societies, for temperance, for mothers, for schools and college use, for quiet days of retreat, for the parish. Fifteen hymns appear under a new heading, Chiefly to Personal and Private Use. Then there are fifty hymns for children, besides thirteen carols, a great acquisition in Sunday schools.

A special feature is the large number of subjective and evangelical hymns, several by Sankey and by Frances J. Van Alstyne. Many have refrains which are quite a new departure in Anglican hymnals, but which will be found useful. Among a number of paraphrases is that of the Marquis of Lorne, "Unto the Hills Around Do I Lift Up My Longing Eyes," the text of which has been somewhat changed lately. Among special features are the transposition of tunes in many cases to lower keys as more suitable for congregational singing; the setting of tunes in different keys with cross references where a tune is used more than once, a tabulated list of hymns suitable for each Sunday and holy day; a tabulated list suitable for easy anthems by small choirs; the placing among general hymns of those of a special character; the numbering of stanzas; asterisks indicating where stanzas may be omitted, when it is found desirable to shorten a hymn; indications where hymns are paraphrases of Psalms or of other passages from the Holy Scripture; the printing at the foot of hymns of the names of authors and translators, with dates of publication; the provision of hymns for older boys and girls; the printing in many cases and the suggestion in others of additional tunes; the index of metres, with direction for use.

This hymn book has also been adopted by the congregations of the church of the Holy Saviour, Victoria West; rector, Rev. C. E. Cooper, M. A., and St. Paul's church, Nanaimo, rector, Rev. A. Silva White, and it is hoped will come gradually into general use throughout Western Canada.

What Other People Think

DOMESTIC SERVICE.

To the Editor: Capt. Wolley's letter and that of Major Dupont has naturally stirred up a lively discussion. And, Mr. Editor, let me remark before going further, that you should not allow your columns to be used by any one who only wants a fling at class distinctions, for that is begging the issue. Now we have been for about five years with the tax on Chinese so heavy that it is practically prohibitive, and what is the consequence? We were told servants would come, but have they? Even in England the demand is getting short. The Chinaman is the natural house servant, clean, courteous, civil and low waged. When I was married I employed a boy for $6.50 who did all my house work and cooking, and laundered all the clothes. The shirts and collars he took to his wash-house and there was no extra charge for them. To-day we are paying $30 a month for that service, while all edibles such as butter, eggs, grain, etc., have increased about 20 per cent. Now I contend that the working man's wife is the person who needs cheap labor the most. If in the good old days she came to a time when life for a while was a burden, she hired a little boy for four or six dollars to help her tide over a period when every mother should be protected. To-day I know of homes which are mourning for the mother because she has struggled on and on against two great odds to bear a burden she could not carry, and only death has released her from. Now I want you to look across the border line for the woman's answer to what you are making us endure. There home life is the exception. You rent a flat, you board in town, your children (if you are unfortunate enough to have them) grow up between the flat and a public cafe. The American women have refused to add to the population until race suicide is the cry. And they are not to blame. You cannot expect women to act otherwise under the conditions. Then one more horror is added. They use Italian cheap labor in the big cities and the sordid women with shawls about their waists scrubbing stone steps, to fill the mouths of ever increasing hordes of unkept children. is a menace to the States they do not seem to realize. Your Chinaman—thank goodness—breeds in China, and the little you pay him going out of the country towards that family's support, is not a flea bite to the service he renders you. By all means limit him to certain industries and allow only a certain number in the country at one time. They should also be debarred from holding property, but for domestic servants, hewers of wood and hard manual labor, there is no one who fills the place of the Chinaman.

K. S. G.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

To the Editor: I see by the papers that one of Mr. Bond's arguments in favor of withholding the suffrage from women was because in case of the country going to war she could not be called upon to go to the front. Well, I may be mistaken, but I have never yet heard of a war where women were not right at the most fearful part of the whole dread affair. Men in the excitement and noise and push may not be afraid to face the bullets, but it is mostly left to the women to repair the damage the bullet has done, and when you take the nerve it requires to not only attend at the horrible butchery of humanity before it is brought back to a semblance of self, but the stanch bravery needed to stand by night after night while delerium tears its victim to pieces, I do not think women are unprepared to do their share. That women are not educated to the issues at stake and have little sense of honor is true, but about 75 per cent. of the men are in the same predicament.

GEORGINA KENT.

BISHOP'S 200 CHILDREN.

The Queen of Denmark once paid a visit to the Danish colony of Iceland, where the good old bishop exerted himself to the utmost to show her everything that was worth seeing. The Queen paid many compliments to her host, and having learned that he was a family man, graciously inquired how many children he had. It happens that the Danish word for children is almost identical in sound with the Icelandic word for sheep, and the worthy bishop promptly answered, "Two hundred." "Two hundred children" cried the Queen. "How can you possibly maintain such a number?" "Easily enough, please your majesty," replied the prelate with a cheerful smile. "In the summer I turn them out upon the hill to grass, and when the winter comes I kill and eat them."

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SITUATION OF THE RUBBER MARKET

Supply of Commodity is Scarce When Compared With the Demand.

United States Consul General Anderson, writing from Rio de Janeiro, says that the movement of Brazilian rubber at the beginning of the present season of 1909-10 is under conditions which have had no parallel in the trade for many years, if ever before. Mr. Anderson discusses it as follows:

The value of the rubber shipped during the past year measures prices for the product which have been without precedent, the range of prices in the past two years being greater than that measured by a similar product in the same time within modern commercial history. In February, 1908, rubber was quoted at about 66 cents per pound. In July, 1909, before the crop season closed, prices were $2.10 per pound. High prices have been charged for the rubber stock since last November, but the prices did not go above $1.50 per pound until the two last months of the year.

The exports of Brazilian rubber for the year ending June 30, 1909, were almost exactly the same as those for the year ending June 30, 1907, and yet the value of the exports of Brazilian rubber in the past year was about 120 per cent. of the value of the crop in 1906-7 and about 187 per cent. of the value of the exports in 1907-8. The entries in Brazil, as measured by the entries at Para, were 38,065 tons in 1906-7, 36,650 tons in 1907-8 and 38,065 tons in 1908-9. Of the shipments for the past year 19,200 tons were for Europe and 19,050 tons for the United States, the stock on hand, therefore, having been drawn upon to some extent. The visible supply of Para rubber at the beginning of the present season is placed at 3,132 tons, as compared with 4,534 tons at the same time the year before.

It seems to be generally agreed that prices will remain high during the current season. In the first place, it is understood that certain interests have combined to maintain the prices. In a general way, also, with products like rubber, which at present depends more or less upon supplies from forest sources, it requires about a year to readjust supplies to demand after there has been an oversupply and a reaction which led to an under supply. While there is prospect of high prices for the immediate future, and probably for the current crop season, such high prices will doubtless stimulate production and lead to a reaction the other way, which is likely to bring very low prices another season.

The chief element in the situation, however, which is likely not only to lead to lower prices, but also is reasonably certain to bring about regularity in supplies, and therefore a more permanent price range, is the plantation rubber supply. The supply of rubber plantations in the Far East during the current year is placed at 4,000 tons by practically all authorities. The actual present acreage in rubber plantations in the East at present is placed at from 250,000 to 600,000 acres. The rubber production from such plantations, as they come into bearing, is placed generally at about one ton of rubber to ten acres of plantation. The immediate supply from such source—a supply to be fuly realized in the course of three or four seasons—will unquestionably reach from 60,000 to 705,000 tons, or substantially the equivalent of the present world supply.

If the demand for rubber increases at the present rate the world ought to be consuming in, say, 1914, about 105,500 tons. What the total world production will be at that time is of course problematical, but it looks as though plantations would be producing more than enough to supply the world market. Such supply will be reasonably regular, will be based upon a known cost price, and it is quite evident that there will be no occasion for the immense variations in price which have characterized the rubber market for the past two years in a way to not only carry many losses to manufacturers, but also to embarrass them in manufacturing for a market even near at hand.

In the meanwhile the rubber plantation business has become so very prosperous that its prosperity carries danger with it. There is strong probability that the magnificent dividends paid by rubber plantation companies the past two years will lead to too great an extension of acreage. Speculation in companies organized for rubber planting would be particularly dangerous at the present time.

Moreover, while there has been great success attending rubber planting during the past season, it by no means follows that plantations will have the same success when wild rubber forests now known and only waiting to be developed along modern lines by their owners are opened up in the course of the next two or three years. The plantation rubber seems to have failed to meet demands in lines of manufacture in which strength is required, and man manufacturers cannot stand against wild rubber except for limited purposes. Too great an extension of plantation investments, therefore, is likely to be disastrous from the standpoint of ability to sell the product.

The probability that plantation rubber will soon dominate the rubber market of the world, so far as quantity is concerned, is commencing to be appreciated in Brazil, but as yet few steps have been taken to avoid possible results in this line.

HIDDEN FORTUNE.

Heir to Woman Miser's Hoard Strangely Discovered.

A fortune estimated at $15,000, left by Mrs. Tomlinson, Dalston lane, London, N. E., has been claimed in curious circumstances.

Mrs. Tomlinson and her husband separated about sixteen years ago, and she started in business and became prosperous. There was no family, so far as is known, and since that period the woman led a very secluded life, her only associate being a young woman named Florence Risley, whom she employed to keep her accounts.

Some weeks ago, when Miss Risley arrived, she found the old lady lying helpless and unclothed on the floor of the passage, whilst the bed in her room was smouldering, a lighted candle having fallen on it.

Mrs. Tomlinson refused medical assistance even then, whilst she slept on the couch to save the expense of buying another bed.

Later she was removed to the infirmary as an alleged lunatic, and there she died as the result of her neglected state.

Despite her success, Mrs. Tomlinson had miserly habits, and, it is said, would never spend a penny unless compelled. Her house was dirty, but money and securities were hidden in every hole and corner.

The Hackney guardians took charge of the money and obtained a clue to the presumed heir in a curious way. Chas. Burton Tomlinson, fifty-four, who appeared at the Salford police court on remand, charged with obtaining 5s. by false pretences, has laid claim as the husband to the fortune.

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Chicago Man Tells Remarkable Story of How He Recovered Memory.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A honeymoon delayed three years and a half by the San Francisco earthquake and fire, was resumed here when William S. Meyers told the remarkable story of how he lost his identity during the earthquake and how it was suddenly restored recently by the horror of seeing a man ground to death under a train at Tama, Iowa.

Meyers, who formerly was a general contractor here, was married in April, 1906, and two days after his marriage was forced to take a sudden trip to San Francisco to attend to some contracting business. He had worked all night and was still at work on the morning of the quake, when something struck him on the head. Meyers said that he believed he was sandbagged and robbed. When he awoke he was in a hospital and could not remember his identity.

Meyers' bride became convinced that he was killed in the quake or lost his life in the fire and for more than three years she has mourned him as dead.

"I have only a hazy recollection of what happened to me after the earthquake," said Meyers. "I travelled around aimlessly through the West without any realization of my true identity. Finally I drifted into Tama, Iowa, and there I happened to see a man mangled beneath the wheels of a train. The horror of the sight and the blood and the man's cry must have awakened my mind.

"I immediately recovered my mind and my memory and at once knew who I was. My first thought was for my wife and I think I must have been thinking of her when I was struck and wondering how I could get word to her. I hurried here immediately, and to my great joy found my wife very easily. She had thought that I was dead."

Meyers and his wife started south Saturday on their belated honeymoon.

NEW GRAND THEATRE.

The New Grand bill this week is augmented by the importation of an extra act, so there will be five big acts this week with the usual stock features also. John C. Robisch and Mayme Childres will head the bill, appearing in a musical comedy sketch, "A Strenuous Pupil," which gives unlimited scope for the ability of Miss Childres as a comedienne, while as an eccentric professor John C. Robisch has a vehicle in which his ability is shown to the full. The act carries singing and dancing also, and is generally first class.

The Brothers Whitman, with a muscle and bone-bending contortionist act, promise a sensational performance full of creeps. It is augmented with magnificent scenic effects which make it a feature, and is said to present one of the weirdest stage pictures ever shown here.

A singer with a number of clever and rapid costume changes, all of which will be done in the front of the audience, is Miss Van Dyke, who possesses two voices, a man's and a light soprano. Both are used with effect and provide an unusual entertainment. Her characters are in male and female and the voices are used alternately.

Ray Fern, a coon song singer with a good clear voice, will sing three songs, and is billed as a good turn. The McLinn brothers are horizontal bar experts and will perform some new and clever feats, showing the muscular development they have attained, and proving what can be done by long and careful training for the human frame. Thomas J. Price has a new song this week called "The Preacher and the Bear," and there will be the regular moving picture films shown at the end of the bill.

A French boy of twelve years of age has had a painting hung in the Paris Salon.

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David Spencer, sr., who has been ill, is now recovering.

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J. H. Donnley, of Saanich, visited the city on Saturday.

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Mrs. Koenig, of Shawnigan Lake, was in the city on Saturday.

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Miss Maud Underhill, the elocutionist, is back from the Sound.

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S. W. Gidley, of Duncans, was one of the week-end visitors to Victoria.

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John Perdue, of Vancouver, made a week-end visit with relatives in this city. He returned on the Princess Victoria last night.

SUGAR AS FOOD.

Lieutenant Shackleton has been talking amusingly about the really tragic and pitiful craving for food, especially for sweet things, of the members of his brave band when nearly starved. They were always talking about food, and devising meals of different kinds; but with one accord "all of us used to look forward longingly to golden-syrup pudding." This is the universal desire under such conditions—a significant outcry of the wasting system as to the value of sugar to rebuild the tissues. Mr. Somers Somerset (Lady Henry's son) was once nearly starved whilst travelling in the Northwest of Canada, and he records that he used to imagine himself in the housekeeper's room at home, eating apricot jam with a spoon. Another traveller was in great danger of dying from starvation while exploring in Central America, owing to a river being wrongly marked on a map, which had misled him as to the time for which he must provision his party, and he said that in his mind was constantly the vision of getting hold of a pot of raspberry jam, and retiring with it to a strategical position, where he could scoop it out with his fingers and devour it neat and in chunks. As in the case of the ladies in "Crawford," who preferred to suck oranges, but retreated each to her own room after dinner armed with a golden globe of juice, or the other old ladies of tradition who used to say to the butler when they had game on their plates, "We will not keep you at present, Perkins"—the necessity of privacy for an unrestrained gourmandize was not forgotten under utmost stress. But is it not, at first sight, strange that it should be, not roast beef or a succulent chop that is desired in starvation, but merely the nursery taste for sweets revived? [illegible], the explorers' longing bears its lesson to the domestic caterer for youth.

The general love of growing children for sweet food indicates a natural need for them, and of recent years science has declared that the fact is that sugar is most valuable in nutrition. It is no longer to be looked upon as a mere luxury, but as a true food, especially for growing children or exhausted strength; so says the "ladies' page" of the Illustrated London News. Mother ought to remember that, within the limits of digestive capacity, it is wise and right to give children sweet dishes—home-made jam on their bread, plenty of treacle on their suet-pudding, and chocolates or candies for their treats—to help them to grow.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

There are hand cuff kings and there are hand cuff kings, but Mast at the Pantages this week is the peer of all hand cuff kings. His work is different from any that have ever been presented in the West. There is no regulation cuff or leg iron. His feature is escaping from a securely pad-locked barrel of water, rightly called the Death Defying Barrel Mystery. Mantell's Marionettes are also a feature act. This act will be especially pleasing to the little ones. It is a miniature vaudeville show given on a miniature stage.

Goodhue and Burgess are a singing and dancing team of more than usual ability.

Arthur Elwell will offer a very popular ballad "Sun Bonnet Sue," and an entirely new reel of pictures will be presented.

THE WIDE WORLD MAGAZINE.

A budget of remarkable stories characterizes the December issue of the Wide World Magazine. "The Great Feuds of Kentucky" are continued and this month a dramatic account is given of the Baker-Howard Feud, which was probably the most sanguinary of the series. "Amidst Snow and Swamp in Central Africa" records some interesting memoranda made by A. F. R. Wollaston, the well-known explorer. A description of "The Monkey Gods of India" is rendered doubly interesting by the excellent photographs which accompany the text. "The Fire-Dance of the Sabobas" describes the last annual "fiesta" held by a small tribe of Indians living near the Sierra Madre mountains, California, and which the United States government recently prohibited. "The cowboy" is so typically American that it is news to learn there is a "Training School for Cowboys" at Shepperton-on-Thames, England, where youths are trained for colonial life. Other features in the December Wide World include stories of bandit hunters, adventures in Texas and Mexico and an account of how the Austrian peasants amuse themselves. This number deals with all parts of the world and provides a geography lesson which the youth of the day will find intensely absorbing.

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The writings of Miss Cameron should have a decided advantage for Canada.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE.

The Christmas number of the Strand Magazine is strong in fiction, containing short stories by A. Conan Doyle, E. Phillips Oppenheim, Richard Marsh, Francis Gribble, and other prominent writers. The opening chapters of A. E. Mason's serial, "The Murder at the Villa Rose," promise a strong detective story on the lines of Sherlock Holmes, Raffles and Arsene Lupin. The articles are particularly interesting and out-of-the-common. A very charming account of the pet lemurs which form part of the household of Sir W. S. Gilbert, of "Pinafore" fame, will delight all who are fond of animals. An article which will appeal particularly to women is entitled "The Power of Beauty," illustrated with fourteen examples of feminine loveliness printed in color. Theatrical folk should be interested in an article entitled "Men as Stage Heroines," wherein it is stated that Shakespeare never once saw a woman play the part of any of his heroines. "The Romance and Reality of the 'Death Watch'" and "The Strange Revelation of a Great Picture Fraud" are two more articles full of interest and information.

"THE SOUL KISS."

Bright Entertainment Which Comes to Victoria Theatre This Week.

"The Soul Kiss" comes to the Victoria theatre on Thursday next, after having enjoyed an uninterrupted run of over ten months in New York. "The Soul Kiss" as an entertainment is bound to become a favorite. Mlle Pertina, the star of the piece, who is making her initial American appearance, is bound to find instant favor with her audiences by her marvellous display of terpsichorean ability, the same which startled all of Paris this spring, and which caused the critics to unanimously acclaim her the most successful and sensational dancer throughout all the principal cities of continental Europe.

It is some time since a musical comedy has achieved a greater triumph than this offering of Harry B. Smith and Maurice Levi. The tunefulness of "The Soul Kiss" is amply attested by the prevalence of the song numbers in all the prominent hotels and restaurants throughout the entire country. The production is produced under the direction of Julian Mitchell, who is considered the most successful musical comedy stage producer in America. His productions are known to abound in novel electric effects, colorful groupings of girls, beautiful ensembles and dainty dance numbers, executed by a "corps de ballet" of twenty.

APPLE DISHES.

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Stuffed Apples.—Chop one and a half cups of walnuts, half a pound of figs and half a cup of raisins. Put in a saucepan, with one and one-half cups of water, one cup of sugar, one tablespoonful lemon juice and grated rind of one lemon. Simmer fifteen minutes. Pare and core ten apples, keeping them whole. Arrange in a pan, sprinkle with brown sugar and dot with butter. Bake slowly until tender. Remove from the pan and arrange on a dish. To the syrup add the first mixture and boil five minutes. Fill the spaces from which the core was taken with the mixture and pour the remaining syrup over the outside. Heap whipped cream on top and serve.

Scalloped Apples.—Take one quart of sliced apples and one and one-half cups of bread crumbs from centre of the loaf. Have ready a well buttered baking dish. Put the apples and the crumbs in this in alternate layers, sprinkle each layer with sugar, cinnamon and lemon rind. Have top layer of crumbs, dot with butter and two tablespoonfuls lemon juice and half a cup of water just before the top layer of crumbs is added. Bake in a slow oven for one hour.

Apple Souffle.—Steam until tender three cups of quartered apples, put through a colander to remove the skins. Add two ounces butter, a scant cup of sugar, pinch of salt, beaten yolks of three eggs and nutmeg, and lemon juice to flavor. When cool, put and fold in the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff foam. Turn into a buttered dish and bake forty-five minutes in moderate oven. Serve with sugar and cream. If half a cup of quartered quinces is added to the apples it greatly improves the flavor of this dish.

German Apple Compote.—Pare the apples very thin and remove the cores. Throw them at once into cold water acidulated with juice of lemon. Let them soak a few minutes. This will keep them white. Then fill the cavities with quince or orange marmalade and chopped nuts. Place them in a stewpan and pour around them water enough to nearly reach the fillings. Add to the water half a pound of sugar and the thin peel of half a lemon. Cover tight and boil until tender. Remove each apple carefully into a glass dish and pour over the fruit a few spoonfuls of the liquid. Add a little sugar to the rest of the juice and boil to a jelly with which to garnish the apples.

Apple Pan Dowdy.—In the bottom of a deep baking dish lay thin slices of buttered bread, letting them extend to the side. Add a layer of thinly sliced apples and grate over them a little nutmeg or cinnamon. Add a cup of brown sugar melted to a syrup with half a cup of hot water. Put a layer of buttered crumbs over on top. Cover with a soup plate and bake slowly for an hour and a half. Turn out on a platter and serve hot with hard sauce.

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Silk dresses should never be brushed, but should be carefully rubbed with an old piece of velvet kept specially for that purpose.

When grease is spilled on the kitchen floor pour cold water upon it at once. This will harden it and prevent its soaking into the boards.

The tender leaves and small ends of the stalks of celery, if dried, are excellent for flavoring soups.

When a heavy shoe or boot has been wet, it hardens and draws so that it hurts the foot. If the shoe is put on and the leather thoroughly wet with kerosene, the stiffness will disappear and the leather be pliable, adapting itself to the foot.

To renew velvet cover the face of a flat-iron with a wet cloth; hold the wrong side of the velvet next to this cloth until thoroughly steamed, then brush the pile with a soft brush.

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ROSSLAND BOARD DEMANDS LOW RATES

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Rossland, Dec. 11.—At the last meeting of the board of trade there was read a resolution which the Vancouver board of trade recently passed, requesting the provincial government to interpolate in the agreement with the Canadian Northern railway a clause prohibiting the Canadian Northern railway from charging any more than 5 per cent. in excess of what it charges on any other portion of its system in Canada. On motion of W. G. Ternan, seconded by H. S. Wallace, the resolution was unanimously endorsed.

On motion of C. R. Hamilton, seconded by H. S. Wallace, a resolution was adopted that the C. P. R. be requested to erect a waiting room and provide it with light at the Union street depot. The matter of erecting a waiting room or shelter at the Union street depot has been discussed for the past four years by the city council and the board of trade, and the C. P. R. officials have promised to provide such a convenience on several occasions, but passengers waiting for trains, men, women and children, are compelled when it is stormy, to stand unprotected from the rain or snow.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to write to the Great Northern railway requesting that a proper passenger depot be provided with separate waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen.

FERNIE'S LIGHTING SYSTEM MAKES GOOD

City Talking of Public Library —The Local Option Vote.

Fernie, Dec. 11.—The new electric light system, which has been in operation for a week, has proved entirely satisfactory, and the city is once more well lighted. At the present time only the principal business thoroughfares have been supplied with arc lights, but it is the intention of the council to increase these as soon as possible.

One of the greatest requirements at the present time in the city is the establishment of a public library, and a movement is now on foot to secure one at the earliest moment. Fernie is up-to-date in most public enterprises and when the public become interested in a matter of this kind they will use every endeavor to see it brought to a successful conclusion. It is also proposed to establish a gymnasium, but as the citizens have not yet fully recovered from the severe losses entailed by the disastrous fire it is not probable that the latter will be accomplished for some months to come.

The following is the result of the local option vote taken during the recent provincial elections: For local option 765, against 660, spoiled ballots 90.

MILLION WASTED YEARLY.

Sent Out of Province to Pay for Poultry and Eggs.

Nelson, Dec. 11.—A meeting was held in the city hall under the auspices of the West Kootenay Farmers' Institute, when M. S. Middleton, provincial horticulturist, and M. Juil, provincial poultry expert, delivered addresses on the industries they represent. A large number of questions were asked by members of the audience, and answered by the lecturers, and the addresses were more or less conventional in character.

Mr. Juil pointed out that over $1,000,000 was sent out of British Columbia annually for poultry and eggs, and he said there was no necessity for such a condition being perpetuated. In Kootenay he considered that conditions were very favorable for the raising of poultry, and he pointed out the opportunity that lay in the enormous market for poultry products. The lecturer gave a talk on the general care, feeding and housing of hens.

Mr. Middleton gave a long and interesting talk on fruit raising, dealing largely with the care of the young orchard.

BOYS AND GIRLS SIT IN SEPARATE ROWS

Must Not Look at Each Other in Schools of Nelson.

Nelson, Dec. 11.—Mutual interest between the boys and girls in the various departments of the public school in Nelson, although a natural and in some lights, a beautiful, relation, does not suit the Spartan ideas of the school board fathers. Those stern men, assembled in formal session, after a long and grave deliberation, laid a ruthless hand on the existing custom. No more will the boys play with the braided "tails" of the girls sitting in front of them, no more will the girls surreptitiously pass notes to the boys and get them to sharpen their pencils. "Showing off" to win approving glances will cease. Friendly aid to a weak "brother" or "sister" is a thing of the past.

To hear the hard-hearted trustees tell it, the stern rule under which they were raised was exactly the discipline they needed. A threat to "plant them among the girls" struck terror to their hearts. The discipline also worked well with the girls of that time. "When I went to school," said Secretary Arthur, "they kept the boys and the girls as far apart as possible." "You bet they did," assented Trustee Emory. "Same here," chimed in Chairman Steel. "To put us with the girls was a punishment," added Trustee Joy.

There was not one champion for the present system, and the resolution directing the teachers of the public school to seat the boys and the girls apart—thus banishing romance — was adopted without a dissenting voice.

A proposal to give a prize to the most gentlemanly boy of each room from time to time, the boy to be selected by the votes of his fellows, was debated, only to be abandoned. It seemed that all the members of the board had either won such prizes or been runners-up, but this was not considered sufficient to justify the introduction of such a system here.

Another suggestion for maintaining a high morale in the school got a better reception. It was, that leading men of the city should deliver addresses to the boys from time to time, while ladies of equal prominence in the social life of the city should address the girls, the speakers to choose their own subjects. It is probable that such a series of addresses will be arranged in the not distant future.

A MOTHER'S ANXIOUS TIME

Promptness Saved Her Child.

"My daughter was in the last term of her High school work when it suddenly and forcibly dawned upon me that her little cough had been hanging on, even in spite of the warm weather. Looking at her anxiously, for a fear had come into my mind, I saw she had grown pale and a lot thinner. It seemed queer I hadn't noticed it all along before, but, you see, I counted on it wearing away. What an awful risk for parents to take! Of course, I didn't tell her how anxious I was, but I watched the effect of Ferrozone with the utmost anxiety. My girl seemed so slow to improve, and the first two weeks seemed like a year. By this time not even the first box of Ferrozone had been used up, still she had greatly improved appetite, and her progress after that was splendid. When the weather improved, she walked a lot, and gained steadily in vigor and weight. The hacking cough disappeared, and with it every trace of weakness. I know of no tonic so nourishing, strength-giving, so beneficial for growing girls, as 'Ferrozone.'"

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JOHN HAMMOND DIES AT RIPE AGE

A Pioneer of Fraser River and Founded Port Hammond.

New Westminster, Dec. 11.—Another of the links with the early days of this province was severed when John Hammond, one of the original pioneers of British Columbia and one of the first residents of the Fraser valley, passed away at his home at Hammond, leaving a widow.

The late John Hammond was 73 years of age and was a native of England. He had been in British Columbia for thirty-five years, having come to this part of the country with his brother, William Hammond, in 1864. The two brothers, who were employed in survey work for the imperial government, took up their residence on the banks of the Fraser river at a point which they called Hammond, after themselves, and the name has been retained up to the present time.

The two brothers originally owned practically the whole townsite of Hammond, but sold off the greater part of it a number of years ago, before it had attained to its present high value, retaining only enough for a small fruit ranch. Ten years ago William Hammond died while on a trip to the Old Country.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Fire Destroys Rossland Home in Early Morning—Out by Window.

Rossland, Dec. 11.—It was a very narrow escape which Mrs. Joseph Coutour and her three children had from their home on Tuesday morning, when it was burned down. T. Ruell and his wife and two children, who occupied one-half of the house, escaped without difficulty.

Mr. Coutour had finished his breakfast and started up the hill for the purpose of going to work in the mines. There was a fire in the heating stove in the front room, which in some way communicated itself to the walls. The fire once started, spread with great rapidity to the furniture and walls of the room and Mrs. Coutour and the children, the latter being in bed; began to scream loudly, being badly frightened.

With considerable difficulty she got the children into the kitchen, which by this time had begun to blaze. She opened the kitchen door partially, but was so confused with the smoke and the excitement that she closed it again. In closing it she pulled out the knob and the bar attached to it, and when she tried to open the door she could not do so. She leaned against the kitchen door with her children clinging to her skirts and screamed for help.

Mr. Braden and his son Alfred saw the fire and hurried to it, breaking a window, through which the mother and children were got out, none too soon. Mrs. Coutour's shoes were burned from her feet and she sustained painful burns, but none of them are serious, while the three little children were more or less burned.

Mr. Coutour had reached Second avenue when he saw the smoke and hurried back, but by this time his wife and children had been rescued from the burning building. The shell of the lower portion of the house is all that is left. The building was owned jointly by Joseph Coutour and T. Ruell. The joint loss on building and contents will probably amount to $800, and there is no insurance.

WEDDED AT KAMLOOPS.

Kamloops, Decv. 11.—At St. Paul's church Tuesday evening, Rev. S. Akehurst united in marriage Roy Henderson Bell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell, of this city, and Beatrice Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dayton, of Rosehill. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have gone to the coast for their wedding trip.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

Progress of Work in Mines—Diamond Drilling in Le Roi.

Rossland, Dec. 11.—The shaft of the Le Roi Two has reached a depth of nearly 1,300 feet and will be driven to the 1,350-foot level, when crosscutting will be commenced on the 1,350-foot level and the intermediate levels of the 950-foot level. The Le Roi Two is outputting a normal quantity of ore and the reserves continue to be sufficient for a considerable time to come.

The Le Roi continues to make small shipments to Trail smelter. The diamond drilling continues and some encouraging finds have been made on the sixth and twelfth levels. Drifts are being extended to these and when the ore bodies have been reached by these their extent and value will be better known.

The Centre Star group is outputting each week about the normal quantity of ore, 2,590 tons having been sent to the smelter. The entire group is looking fairly well and the reserves of ore of a shipping grade are large. The War Eagle and Iron Mask are looking particularly well.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, B. C., at the next sitting thereof, for a transfer of the liquor licence now held by me for and in respect of the Colonist Hotel, corner of Simcoe street and Douglas street, in the City of Victoria, B. C., unto Job Foster.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 28th day of October, 1909.
W. A. GATT.

"LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900."

I, Josephine E. Wark, hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, I will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria for a renewal of my license to sell intoxicating liquors at the premises known as the Strathcona Hotel, situated at Shawnigan Lake, B. C.
JOSEPHINE E. WARK.
Dated this 16th day of November, 1909.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the transfer books and register of members of the Portland Canal Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, will be closed from December the 3rd to December the 18th, 1909, both days inclusive.
E. F. MILLER,
Secretary.
Duncans, B. C., 30th Nov., 1909.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JAQUES, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," to all persons claiming to be creditors of the above-named deceased, or having goods in his hands for repair or otherwise, to deliver to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, A. D. 1910, full particulars of their claim, verified by statutory declaration. After said date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.
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AERONAUT INJURED.

Stopping of Motor Causes Aeroplane to Collapse in Mid-Air.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Capt. Englehardt, a pupil of the Wright brothers, was seriously injured Saturday while driving a Wright aeroplane at Johannistal. The machine collapsed in the air and was completely wrecked. The captain was caught under the wreckage and crushed. The doctors believe that Englehardt will recover.

The accident was caused by the motor stopping in mid-air. The machine fell so rapidly that Englehardt did not even have time to change his position.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—James Anderson, vice-president of the Brown-Boggs Machine Company, died as the result of injuries received at the plant. He was caught between a fly wheel and a belt and was whirled around the wheel.

J. SIPPRELL DEAD.

New Westminster, Dec. 11.—The death occurred this evening of J. Sipprell, father of Dr. W. J. Sipprell, principal of Columbian College.

COMMITED FOR TRIAL AT NELSON

Joseph Wayson Must Face Charge of Attempted Murder.

Nelson, Dec. 11.—Joseph Wayson, who yesterday attempted twice to shoot Frank Phillips, socialist and secretary of the miners' union, appeared to-day before W. H. Bullock-Webster, stipendiary magistrate, and was committed for trial on the charge of attempted murder. Much interest was taken in the case.

In his evidence Phillips said that Wayson accused him of having knocked him down at Ainsworth and of stealing money from him then and on other occasions. Accused also claimed that Phillips had kept money sent to the Sandon committee of the Western Federation of Miners for the Moyer-Haywood defence which Wayson said was intended for himself. Wayson also declared that D. Haywood knocked him down and robbed him at Sandon. Phillips thought that Wayson was under an hallucination on the subject.

MINER GETS DAMAGES.

Awarded $4,000 for Accident at Phoenix.

Nelson, Dec. 11.—Mr. Justice Martin has handed down judgment in the case of Carrigan vs. the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Limited, which was tried at Nelson on May 18th last. The plaintiff claimed $8,000 damages, and is awarded $4,000. The evidence showed that John Bower Carrigan was engaged by the defendant company to act as head brakesman in their mine at Phoenix. A car jumped the track and his leg was crushed so that it had to be amputated. The judge says the accident was caused by the long-established and effective system of "kicking" the cars into the drift, and the defendant company is liable at common law for the consequences of this negligence. His Lordship assessed the damages at $4,000. The accident occurred last December.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—The heart of the dead man in a glass case and medical evidence to show the course of the fatal bullet said to have been fired by Julia Lewis into the body of her lover, Peter Scurry, were the only new features brought out at the preliminary hearing of the case. Magistrate Williams, after taking the testimony, committed the woman for trial, and she will come up at the spring assizes.

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WILL PROBE SUGAR FRAUDS TO BOTTOM

U. S. Attorney-General Says All Who Participated Will Be Punished.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13. — With reference to the sugar trust cases, Attorney-General Wickersham, in his annual report, says:

"The evidence has disclosed a network of corruption not confined to the American Sugar Refining Company, extending over a period of years, affecting both importers and officers of the government. It is as yet premature to state the precise extent of the conspiracy or the amount of revenues of which the government has been defrauded.

"While it is feared that the statute of limitations may have run in favor of many of the malefactors who are responsible for these frauds, yet no effort will be spared to ascertain the precise amount of what the government has been defrauded, to recover all moneys due and to punish all those who may be found to have participated in any respect in the frauds, whether as officers or as agents of the importers or as officials of the government. I earnestly request a special appropriation of $50,000 to enable this work to be effectively prosecuted."

The report stated that there would be no decrease in the activities of the department in the prosecution of land frauds and that every effort would be made to punish guilty persons as well as to retrieve for the government land improperly obtained. Among the recommendations made are the following: The enactment of a general immunity statute to meet the conditions which arise in the endeavor to procure testimony for the government; favoring a national law providing for indeterminate sentences, and a modification of the statute fixing the punishment for embezzlement or misapplication of the funds of a National bank at imprisonment for five years.

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CHINA WAKING UP AS TO NAVY

HEAD OF ADMIRALTY IS VISITING ENGLAND

Significance of Chinese Embassy to the Old Land at Present.

An incident of absorbing interest, as an indication of the awakening of the east, will occur when an embassy from China—probably the most significant which has ever been sent forth—will arrive in London, writes the naval correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. At the head of the mission is his Imperial Highness Prince Tsai-Hsun, the brother of the Prince Regent, himself one of the most energetic, far-seeing, and devoted statesmen China has had since the death of Li-Hung Chang. Prince Tsai-Hsun is the figure-head of the new naval movement, which is to place China among the naval Powers of the world, as Japan has already been placed by foreign tuition and home encouragement. He is visiting England and Europe in order to fit himself for his work by studying the naval organizations of the great Western fleets, and broadening his mind by travel, just as the Regent, Prince Tsai-Fu, Prince Tsa Chen, Prince Pu-lun, and others now in authority in the country have done. This is, therefore, Prince Tsai-Hsun's first visit to the west, and as he is one of the future rulers of the new China, his arrival in England to-day is no ordinary event, even if he were not charged with a specific national mission.

The Imperial visitor will be received with every honor. On his landing at Dover from the special steamer in which he and his party will cross the Channel, full naval and military honors will be accorded him. Vice-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet, and Brigadier-General Inglefield will be present and guards will be mounted, while the Grenadier guards will provide a guard of honor, with color and band, at Charing-cross station when the visitors will reach the metropolis. The party will be received at Windsor by the King and they will afterwards proceed on a tour of inspection to the great government arsenals and dockyards, and to some of the principal private shipbuilding establishments. During the tour Rear-Admiral Lowther Grant will be attached to the mission to represent the admiralty, while Mr. E. F. Alston, of the foreign office, will make plain the way of these guests.

Admiralissimo of the Navy.

Even apart from the prince, who is at the head of the mission, these guests will be figures of no slight interest in our midst for some days to come. Possibly the most important member of the party is its expert adviser, Admiral Sah Chen-ping, the Admiralissimo of the Imperial Chinese navy, and administrator of the admiralty department. This officer is the very antithesis in appearance of a bluff British admiral; he is a small man, neat in appearance, with delicate features, and with a face suggestive rather of the reflective litterateur than the determined administrator and leader. Admiral Sah is no stranger to Europe, and on him rest the hopes of the renaissance of the Chinese navy which years ago Admiral Lang, lent by the British admiralty, succeeded in raising to such a comparatively high standard of efficiency. Despite appearances, Admiral Sah is a practical officer, and has considerable acquaintance already with the Western world and its ways.

A native of Foochow, he was educated in the naval school at that port, and then he passed forthwith into the British fleet, in order to complete his training. On reaching England he studied for some time at the Royal Naval college at Greenwich, and then served in British men of war, quietly observing all that went on around him, and fitting himself for the high and responsible position to which he has now been called by the Prince Regent. On his return to China, his knowledge of sea affairs and his rare devotion soon led to his rapid promotion. In the war against Japan he commanded the Tieh-yuen in the battle of the Yalu, and succeeded Admiral Yeh on the latter's death.

Though the Chinese navy was defeated, considering all the circumstances, it probably put up a better fight than did Russia in the subsequent struggle, for the Chinese engaged in the contest severely handicapped. Six years ago Admiral Sah was directed to take command of the Pei-yang or North Squadron, and in 1905 he was selected as Admiral of Kwangtung, and a few months later became Commander-in-Chief of the land and sea forces of the Imperial empire, a title suggestive of an inordinately heavy burden of responsibility. The position was, indeed, an impossible one, and last year the Admiral was relieved of his nominal association with military matters and has since devoted himself with singleness of purpose to the navy.

The other members of the mission are less interesting, though among them is Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, K.C.M.G., and present a member of the Prince Regent's Privy Council. Until two years ago he was Chinese Minister at Washington, and in 1897 he visited this country as secretary to the Imperial Chinese Special Mission, so that he also is so strange to the west.

Policy of Concentration.

This visit does not represent the beginning of the naval movement in China, for Admiral Sah has already accomplished a good deal of work, and in no direction with greater success than in the consolidation of the naval defences of the empire. Hitherto China has had virtually four navies, each independent and under the control of the Viceroys at Tientsin, Nanking, Foochow, and Canton. One of the first acts of reform by the Regent—unpopular as it was among the ruling classes of the provinces—was to amalgamate the squadrons, and bring them under the direct control of the Imperial government. This accomplished, the next task was to set up a navy board, and this was done by an edict which separated the administration of the navy and army.

The Imperial order appeared in July and appointed Prince Tsai-Hsun and Admiral Sah "Commissioners to devise means for the organization of the navy," and it was given full powers of inquiry and action. This determined step by the Regent has led to the present mission to Europe. It is a tour of inquiry, but the Commissioners are not on a roving expedition. They have left the Far East with a very definite knowledge of what they want to learn and see, and it is in pursuit of these aims that they will arrive in London this evening. China has already an antiquated fleet and four dockyards the equipment of which is not only out of date but has suffered by neglect. Nothing is more remarkable in this story of the naval awakening of China than the fact that one of the first necessary acts of the new navy board was an investigation into the number and character of the ships composing the newly-concentrated fleet. Hitherto, no one at Peking has known the extent of the navy. The commissioners have now come to Europe with very definite knowledge of the existing naval resources of the empire, and their mission is to ascertain how they can best be used, improved and expanded.

A Programme of Reform.

They have already obtained the consent of the Regent to a very carefully prepared programme of reform. It is felt that only by gradual stages can the arrears of work be carried out, and the fleet placed once more on a fighting footing, from which it has declined with deplorable results since Admiral Lang was compelled, by local difficulties, to relinquish his position as naval dictator. At first the idea is to settle on the bases best suited to the present needs of the fleet and reorganize the arsenals and training establishments, besides arranging for the construction of a number of cruising ships. As soon as these matters are in train, it is hoped to form a seagoing fleet in accordance with the western models for the training of officers and men, and create properly organized recruiting agencies throughout the empire. And then, finally, attention will be directed to the acquisition of larger men-of-war. It is hoped eventually to place orders with western shipbuilding yards for eight battleships, 20 cruisers, ten gunboats and a large number of torpedo craft. At the same time, under the direct inspiration of the Prince Regent, it is intended to associate sons of the highest Manchu officials with the new navy. They will be nominated by the several viceroys to study at the naval colleges at Tientsin and Nanking in order to lay the foundation of their education for the sea, and then it is intended that they shall proceed abroad and be attached to one or other of the principal fleets of Europe. One hundred students have already been selected to begin their training for the new navy. The Regent's hope is directly to interest the most influential Manchu families in the empire in the scheme of naval reorganization, so as to break down the opposition with which otherwise he and the navy board would have to contend.

No doubt in details the plans will be largely varied in accordance with what the Naval Mission learn and see during their tour. But of this there seems no doubt—chaos in the fleet is coming to an end under Admiral Sah's regime, and with the dawn of a new, less exclusive and less easy-going era in the empire, practical efforts are to be made to win for China a relatively high standing among the lesser fleets of the world. There has so far been no indication of the means by which the Prince Regent intends to finance these ambitious plans for the fleet. It is said that an expenditure of 20 to 25 millions sterling is contemplated. Though China, in undeveloped resources, is rich beyond the dreams of avarice, her actual financial position is uncertain. But in China the assurance is generally held that the Regent is in earnest, and that by one means or another the necessary funds will be obtained in due course.

HAS ORATORY BECOME THING OF THE PAST?

Speakers in British House Do Not Rise to Former Heights.

The orator is a picturesque but antiquated being. He belongs to the last century. He is now quite out of date. He is being quietly stifled by the newspaper, just as the horse is being quietly stifled by the motor car. The other day I saw a crowd in the street gaping at a dead horse. Some of these days I expect to see a crowd gaping at a dead orator. I can recall the time when all the newspapers printed verbatim reports of political speeches, says a writer in the Montreal Standard. Now the tendency is to boil down the orator and feed the public on extract of eloquence. Readers have grown fastidious. They do not care to graze over acres of words. Oratory blights a newspaper. No ingenuity can make a page of political babble look gay. Even the Times cuts down Demosthenes and prunes Cicero. The other afternoon I paid a visit to the reporters' gallery in the British House of Commons. I found its aspect curiously changed. It was a big day. Mr. Birrell was about to bring in his Irish bill. I expected to find the gallery seething with excitement. I found it quite calm and cool.

I felt sorry for Mr. Balfour. He never tugged at his guy ropes. He could not soar. Mr. Birrell had quietly let out all the gas. In some ways, Mr. Balfour is really, as he himself has confessed, a child. He cannot conceal his feelings. He takes an unaffected pleasure in his own hits. He waits till his followers rise at his points, and his delicate features beam with gratification when a shaft goes home. He is one of those speakers who openly enjoy their own good things. I like to see a vain man who is not ashamed of his vanity. I hate a man who masks his conceit. Mr. Balfour's pride is deliciously ostentatious. He lets you see that he relishes his own cleverness. No doubt an inordinate self approval has its perils. Mr. Balfour would rather make a brilliant speech, against his own party than a vapid speech in favor of it. He would sacrifice his dearest friend to a bon mot. He prefers a subtle fallacy to a tame truism. His dialectic is a disease. I have no doubt he is sincere, but he carefully displays all the symtoms of insincerity. When he sounds the note of passion it always cracks. He is too clever to have vulgar convictions. Yet he has one adoring worshipper. It is sweet to see Mr. Wyndham's lustrous eyes rolling rapturously under the skirts of Mr. Balfour's frock-coat.

There is only one orator of the grand school left in the House, Mr. Redmond has the old-fashioned organ voice.

His eloquence is Gladstonian. You feel it in your bones as soon as he rises. His rhetorical stride is tremendous. He has the gift of looking gigantic. He dwarfs the whole House. His violent profile dominates the dishevelled benches. His vehement nose plunges into the flabby flesh of politicians like an eagle's beak. He strikes his talons deep into the carcase of parliamentary unreality. In his rolling syllables there is the ring of mastery. His dignity is superhuman. There is a magnificent restraint in his coldly impassioned audacity. He is like Ireland in one respect—he knows what he wants. The weakness of the modern politician is that he does not know what he wants. The strength of Ireland is that she is never in doubt about her soul. That is the secret of her amazing power in the House of Commons. Mr. Redmond has caught from her the accent of authority. He does not beg. He demands. He does not cringe. He is free from the frailty of gratitude. His eloquence is not ornate. He has no tricks of voice or gesture. You feel the man behind the utterance, and the nation behind the man. That is why he is an orator. Oratory, like poetry, is simple, sensuous, passionate, and it is because we have not the living fire of a simple, sensuous and passionate ideal that oratory is dying out. Politicians are debaters. Patriots are orators.

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